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1	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA:
2	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1998, 9:30 A.M.
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4	CALL TO ORDER
5	CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Good morning and
6	welcome to the second day of the September 17th
7	California Integrated Waste Management Board, which is
8	an extension of the September 10th meeting of the
9	California Integrated Waste Management Board.
10	We have three items this morning on the
11	takeup. We have of Continuing Business Item 6, Item 6
12	of the regular agenda, Item 9 and Item 13.
13	Before I ask the secretary to call the roll
14	to establish if we have a quorum, I'd like to announce
15	we do a fifth Board member joining us on Monday,
16	Mr. Steve Rhoads, who is now the executive director of
17	the Energy Commission, and I will be out of town, but
18	Mr. Frazee has kindly agreed to swear him in sometime
19	Monday morning when he gets here. So I'd like for you
20	all to welcome him when he arrives, and we will be
21	putting out a memo with a little background from
22	Mr. Rhoads.
23	Will the secretary call the roll, please.
24	THE SECRETARY: Board member Eaton.
25	MEMBER EATON: Here.

THE SECRETARY: Frazee.

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1 MEMBER FRAZEE: Here.
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- THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 3 MEMBER JONES: Here.
- 4 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Here. We have a
- 6 quorum. Okay.
- 7 Let's move right to Continuing Business
- 8 Item 6, Contract Concepts.
- 9 CONTINUING BUSINESS ITEM NUMBER 6
- 10 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Good morning, Karin.
- 11 MS. FISH: Yes, good morning. Karin Fish,
- 12 good morning, Board members, Chairman Pennington.
- 13 This item is for the consideration and
- 14 approval of the contract concepts for the discretionary
- 15 consulting and professional services for Fiscal Year
- 16 1998-99. The concepts being considered in this item
- 17 are being recommended for funding in both the RMDZ and
- 18 the IWMA funds. This year we have an additional
- 19 4 million in the RMDZ fund that will be available both
- 20 for encumbrance and expenditure for the full three-year
- 21 life of the appropriation. This is different than the
- 22 IWMA fund which as typical -- as a typical budget act
- 23 item is only available for encumbrance in this first
- 24 fiscal year. So what that means is, we have some
- 25 additional time with the RMDZ funds, but the IWMA is
- 26 still fairly time critical, and with some of the funds

- 1 having to go out to bid, we know that that is a four-
- 2 to six-month process, and one of the things we have
- 3 gotten back in the survey replies -- you know, we're
- 4 surveying our constituencies and our customers to
- 5 determine how that we can improve the RFQ process, one
- 6 of the things they're asking for is more time. So IWMA
- 7 funds are critical, and we hope that we can begin
- 8 working on them as soon as possible.
- 9 So with that commercial aside, we have
- 10 grouped them under the priority areas, and staff will
- 11 be making presentations that are designed to discuss
- 12 the importance of each concept and how it will further
- 13 the targets identified by the priority teams. Facility
- 14 compliance will be addressed in the organics
- 15 presentation, and staff are available for questions.
- 16 The buy recycled item will be addressed by
- 17 Karin Trgovich.
- 18 So if you don't have any questions before we
- 19 start, I'd like to ask the organics team to come up and
- 20 make their presentation.
- 21 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Any questions of
- 22 Karin? Okay.
- 23 MR. LEVENSON: Just one second here to get
- 24 the computer rolling.
- 25 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Sure thing.
- MR. LEVENSON: Okay. Good morning

- 1 Mr. Chairman and Board members. For the record, my
- 2 name is Howard Levenson, and I am a supervisor of the
- 3 organic materials management section. I'm here on
- 4 behalf of Bill Orr who's the team leader for the
- 5 greening team that prepared the organics performance
- 6 plan. This morning I'll be presenting to you with a
- 7 brief overview of the organics related concepts on the
- 8 agenda item and how they relate to the greening team
- 9 performance plan targets.
- 10 Okay. To set some context, approximately
- 11 one-third of California's waste stream is composed of
- 12 organic materials. Of this third, there are four
- 13 materials, food scraps, grass, other yard trimmings and
- 14 wood that comprise about seven percent each, making up
- 15 about 28 percent of that 38 percent. The performance
- 16 plan that we presented to you early this year laid out
- 17 a vision of finding a home for all compostable organic
- 18 materials with a specific goal for the year 2000 of
- 19 diverting an additional 5 to 7 million additional tons
- 20 per year by that time. In developing the performance
- 21 plan and in considering potential contract concepts
- 22 that we would bring before you, the greening team used
- 23 assistance approach that linked the different parts of
- 24 what we call the organic system, generation,
- 25 collection, processing, manufacturing, and end use. We
- 26 then crafted, very briefly to review, six targets --

- 1 performance targets related to that system. First, to
- 2 increase the onsite management of grass, other yard
- 3 trimmings, and residential food scraps.
- 4 Second, to decrease the waste of commercial
- 5 and institutional food scraps.
- 6 Third, to improve feedstock quality thereby
- 7 increasing product marketability.
- 8 Fourth, to develop a balanced regulatory
- 9 framework that protects public health and environment,
- 10 and at the same time increases business opportunities.
- 11 Fifth, to increase procurement in use of
- 12 compost and land mulch in landscaping.
- 13 And then sixth, to increase use in
- 14 agriculture.
- The greening team developed a suite of six
- 16 contract concepts for consideration by the Board that
- 17 would directly had implement specific components of the
- 18 performance plan. I'll be presenting these concepts to
- 19 you very briefly organized by target, and where there's
- 20 an asterisk, as on 43, it simply means that the concept
- 21 addresses more than one target.
- 22 For Target 1, the greening team originally
- 23 developed Concept Number 6, regarding grass cycle video
- 24 production, in anticipation that funds would be
- 25 forthcoming from the loan fund. The team then expanded
- 26 that concept into what's now Number 46. So I'll be

- 1 limiting my remarks to Number 46 this morning.
- 2 That concept would finish the editing and
- 3 production of the video and arrange for distribution of
- 4 it, develop PSA's and public service segments -- or
- 5 public access segments, update the grass cycling
- 6 brochure, and significantly would provide funding for
- 7 two to four regional partnerships that would be
- 8 implemented largely by the participating jurisdictions
- 9 in those partnerships.
- 10 Concept 43 also addresses parts of Target 1
- 11 and Target 5 as well. This concept encompasses
- 12 partnerships with the landscaping industry and local
- 13 jurisdictions that would lead to the adoption of
- 14 on-site management practices and increased procurement.
- 15 Kind of a three R approach, reduce, reuse, and recycle
- 16 with that industry sector.
- 17 With Concept Number 2 the team had proposed
- 18 Concept Number -- for Target 2 the team had proposed
- 19 Concept Number 14 regarding commercial BMP's for food
- 20 scrpas, BMP's being best management practices. That
- 21 would lead to the development of BMP's with targeted
- 22 industry sectors such as groceries, restaurants, and
- 23 food service providers and institutional entities that
- 24 have food scraps as a large component of their waste
- 25 stream.
- 26 Concept 44 would address Target 3, and it

- 1 calls for -- this is titled, "Feedstock and Product
- 2 Quality Issues," and this would call for the
- 3 development of a feedstock acceptability index so that
- 4 we can begin getting information about the
- 5 acceptability of different feedstocks to compost and
- 6 mulch producers when they come from different kinds of
- 7 collection systems, curbside versus MERF and other
- 8 variations.
- 9 It also would provide for developing a
- 10 strategy and materials to promote improved feedstock
- 11 quality and provide for a forum on what's next in
- 12 product quality issues and guidelines and so forth.
- For Target 5, I already mentioned Concept 43
- 14 regarding the commercial landscaping partnerships.
- 15 Concept 45 addresses both Target 5 and
- 16 Target 6. That concept would provide funding -- it's a
- 17 partnership for agricultural and other end uses. It
- 18 would specifically provide funding for partnership
- 19 projects related to agricultural, erosion control and
- 20 other end uses as contemplated in the plan. The
- 21 concept also would support workshops and conferences in
- 22 other ways of promoting end uses and disseminating
- 23 information to potential end users around the state.
- In addition to the concepts that were
- 25 developed by the team itself, there were three concepts
- 26 that weren't developed by the team but that would

- 1 enhance the planned outcomes of the performance plan.
- 2 For Target 2 we have Concept Number 2, from
- 3 Mr. Eaton's office, that would establish pilot programs
- 4 at tourist attractions and other events.
- 5 For Target 4 there are two contract concepts
- 6 that were developed by the permitting and enforcement
- 7 division -- by the permitting enforcement and
- 8 compliance team that would definitely enhance the
- 9 planned outcome of Target 4 and which are endorsed by
- 10 the greening team.
- 11 Concept 9 calls for the development of odor
- 12 control standards for compost facilities. This is
- 13 response to the the Board's responsibilities pursuant
- 14 to SB-675, and it would be very important for
- 15 increasing public acceptance for composing facilities.
- And then there's Concept 10, which would
- 17 establish research for emissions for compost facilities
- 18 such as on bioaerosols, and that's needed to provide a
- 19 sound scientific background so that we can develop
- 20 guidance for proper mitigation measures and siting
- 21 requirements.
- Now, I'd like to spend a couple of minutes
- 23 before I wrap up on issues regarding timing and the
- 24 kinds of contract vehicles that we would propose using
- 25 to implement these if they're approved by the Board.
- 26 Timing is important for all of the contract

- 1 concepts that the greening team, and the related ones
- 2 that we've either developed or others have proposed,
- 3 but for two in particular, time is actually running out
- 4 if we are going to have any chance of being effective
- 5 with those activities. Those are Number 46 related to
- 6 grass cycling outreach, and Number 43 related to
- 7 commercial landscaping outreach. If we don't have
- 8 funds in place within the next two months or so, local
- 9 jurisdictions are not going to be able to adjust their
- 10 budgets accordingly, nor are they going to be able to
- 11 coordinate the various activities that are needed to
- 12 happen by or to commence in February or March. So with
- 13 grass cycling outreach contract, we would propose that
- 14 we work to select the regions using the kinds of
- 15 criteria that the greening team used in establishing
- 16 its targets, such as amounts of waste -- or in this
- 17 case, amounts of grass generated in the jurisdictions,
- 18 how much is being diverted or not being diverted,
- 19 overall implementation of programs related to organics,
- 20 geographic clustering so we can get the most effect in
- 21 a region and just ability to work together on a
- 22 regional basis.
- We would enter into or at least draft
- 24 preliminary scopes of work with the regional groups
- 25 that we identify and then try to identify out of that
- 26 group a local jurisdiction that could serve as sort of

- 1 a fiscal agent that we could enter into an interagency
- 2 agreement with. We would then propose to come back to
- 3 you in November for approval of the specific scope of
- 4 work and the award of an interagency agreement for
- 5 those regional campaigns.
- 6 We also would be proposing to amend the
- 7 existing Nasser Services agreement with Citygate
- 8 Associates or another existing agreement in order to
- 9 finish the video production and develop some of the
- 10 other generic materials that could be used by
- 11 jurisdictions statewide.
- 12 Similarly with the commercial landscape
- 13 outreach, Contract Concept Number 43, we would be
- 14 trying to select regions using the greening team
- 15 criteria, work within those regions to identify
- 16 appropriate landscaping associations and participating
- 17 local jurisdictions, develop a draft work statement, or
- 18 scope of work, with a local jurisdiction that, again,
- 19 could serve as a vehicle for an interagency agreement,
- 20 and then come back to the Board, again, tentatively
- 21 early November, if possible, with approval of the
- 22 scopes of work and award of the agreements.
- The other three primary contract concepts
- 24 the greening team proposed also have a timeliness to
- 25 them, but there is sufficient time for us to go through
- 26 a competitive process, and RFP process. So in all of

- 1 those cases, we would be coming back to you for
- 2 approval of a scope of work as soon as we could get
- 3 those developed subsequent to your approval of the
- 4 concept and then go through the RFP process and return
- 5 to you with recommendations for awarding the contracts,
- 6 and there may be multiple awards off of those
- 7 individual RFP's depending on the nature of the process
- 8 itself.
- 9 So that would be true for Number 14,
- 10 Number 44 on feedstock and product quality, and
- 11 Number 45 on partnerships for agricultural and other
- 12 end uses.
- 13 That concludes my presentation this morning.
- 14 I'd be happy to answer any questions now, or, Karin I
- 15 don't know if you want to defer questions until later,
- 16 whatever the Board's pleasure is.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I think we would like
- 18 to ask some questions now.
- Mr. Jones.
- 20 MEMBER JONES: Thanks, Mr. Chairman.
- 21 Howard, on 46, the grass cycling videos and
- 22 stuff, how much of that could be put aside for grants.
- 23 That's similar to the operations we had in L.A. They
- 24 learned a lot, from what I understand from Trevor, that
- 25 they need to change that, but that's a jurisdiction or
- 26 group of jurisdictions that want to promote that as

- 1 much as possible so they don't have to compost the
- 2 material.
- 3 MR. LEVENSON: Well, I don't know if we have
- 4 authority to use these monies for grants per se, but by
- 5 going into an interagency agreement it would be with an
- 6 entity such as the L.A./Orange County -- they have a
- 7 new name now -- Public Education Grass Cycling
- 8 Campaign, or Grass Cycling Public Education Campaign.
- 9 That would be one of the regional groups that we would
- 10 hope to work with and contract with through an
- 11 interagency agreement as opposed to a grant. I think
- 12 it would accomplish the same exact purpose. It would
- 13 be --
- 14 MEMBER JONES: How much of the 550 would you
- 15 figure is going to go that way?
- MR. LEVENSON: Approximately 400 to 450,000
- 17 of that to 2 to 4 regional campaigns, depending on
- 18 interest upon the part of local jurisdictions.
- 19 MEMBER JONES: Okay.
- 20 MR. CHANDLER: Howard, I know Mike Kenny,
- 21 the director of the air board, called me and indicated
- 22 that they were interested in working with the local
- 23 ABCD's down in South Coast and other communities down
- there on a similar campaign that we had just gained
- 25 experience on. Are we in good coordination with the
- 26 air board on any efforts they may want to launch to put

- 1 mowers in place that are pollution free and utilize the
- 2 grass cycling mulch mower concepts?
- 3 MR. LEVENSON: Actually, in talking with the
- 4 L.A. and Orange County folks who participated in last
- 5 year's campaign, they are trying to separate into two
- 6 separate committees or workgroups. One would be
- 7 focused on grass cycling education with a -- well, a
- 8 strict focus on grass cycling per se. The other would
- 9 be an air quality mower kind of effort that would be
- 10 run in conjunction with the QMD's down there, the
- 11 utilities, because one of the messages that they are --
- 12 or lessons that they feel they learned last year was
- 13 the fusion of the messages. There were just too many
- 14 people in the pot for last year's campaign.
- 15 So at this point we focused our initial
- 16 talks with the public education campaign regarding
- 17 grass cycling. I would suspect that we would be asked
- 18 to provide some kind of technical assistance on the mow
- 19 down, or the mower air related kinds of work.
- MR. CHANDLER: Okay.
- 21 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Mr. Eaton, did you
- 22 have some questions?
- 23 MEMBER EATON: Yeah. My understanding is we
- $24\,$ have a BCP in on this item, as well as on organics.
- 25 Could you tell me how much money is requested of that
- 26 BCP?

- 1 MR. LEVENSON: That's correct. The BCP
- 2 that's gone forward requests, I think, the latest
- 3 version -- it's changed several times -- I think
- 4 requests four staff positions and 1.6 million per year
- 5 in contract funding.
- 6 MEMBER EATON: And that's in addition so
- 7 that this BCP would be coupled with the monies that
- 8 you're asking for here; correct?
- 9 MR. LEVENSON: That's correct. It would be
- 10 subsequent years.
- 11 MR. FRAZEE: It's not this year, though, is
- 12 it?
- 13 MR. CHANDLER: No, that would be for -- the
- 14 BCP that we're talking about --
- MR. FRAZEE: Would be for subsequent years.
- MR. LEVENSON: -- Dan, you may want to help
- 17 me out on my memory, but when we sat down with the
- 18 action on the BCP's, my recollection was is that I
- 19 think they totaled a significant level, and they wanted
- 20 us to scale back significantly and merge the local
- 21 assistance, the organics and the C&D areas, into a
- 22 single BCP for \$4 million, and that would be for budget
- 23 year '90.
- MS. FISH: Yes.
- MR. CHANDLER: That was the latest direction
- 26 we got last week. I don't think we've even talked to

- 1 the program staff yet on how that has potentially been
- 2 modified from what was an individual organics BCP, an
- 3 individual C&,D, an individual local assistance BCP.
- 4 Do you remember that discussion with Peter?
- 5 MS. FISH: We did go back and work with the
- 6 program to modify those BCP's.
- 7 MR. CHANDLER: I just want to be as accurate
- 8 as we can --
- 9 MS. FISH: Yes.
- 10 MR. CHANDLER: -- with Mr. Eaton's question
- 11 so that we give him the latest --
- 12 MS. FISH: At this point, what we didn't
- 13 know and what we were considering was how much of the
- 14 4 million would give us an early implementation on the
- 15 BCP's, and so we knew that the BCP's possibly then
- 16 could be modified at a later date with an early
- 17 implementation, and they might possibly be reduced with
- 18 any of the money that was then augmented earlier, and
- 19 so we can't really make that determination until we see
- 20 the direction of the first 4 million.
- MR. CHANDLER: That would be for '90.
- MS. FISH: Right.
- MR. CHANDLER: Not '89.
- MS. FISH: Right.
- MR. CHANDLER: And that's Mr. Frazee's
- 26 point.

- 1 MR. FRAZEE: Right.
- MS. FISH: The conversation that we're
- 3 having right now with the BCP's, we need to remember
- 4 that the specific details of the BCP's are confidential
- 5 as well. We need to be cognizant of that fact.
- 6 MEMBER EATON: Is there any monies in Item
- 7 Number 46 for just the purchase of blades?
- 8 MR. LEVENSON: That would be dependent on
- 9 the local, or the regional partnership if there were
- 10 monies that they wanted to use for those kinds of
- 11 purposes, they could propose that in the scope of work,
- 12 and that would be coming back to you for approval.
- 13 MEMBER EATON: Do you think that perhaps
- 14 when you go to a Sears-Roebuck or a Montgomery Ward or
- 15 any kind other kind of Toro place, or whatever, and you
- 16 go and buy a \$7 blade that mulches, it serves the same
- 17 impact as trying to do so many other kinds of work that
- 18 we're trying to do? You reach more people.
- 19 MR. LEVENSON: That's true, and we also are
- 20 trying -- I wouldn't say that it necessarily is more
- 21 effective, because we have had some work with mower
- 22 manufacturers in trying to get promotional materials
- 23 into retail outlets, and we're trying to expand that
- 24 with the various manufacturers. That would be
- 25 independent of this, but certainly linked in with it,
- 26 that perhaps point of material -- point of purchase

- 1 materials on mowers, telling people how to use the
- 2 mowers or how to retrofit, as you say, with a blade --
- 3 MEMBER EATON: But, wouldn't it also be
- 4 helpful that just educating without the implentation,
- 5 actually having them do it, that there's a gap there
- 6 and that part of the program ought to be in terms of
- 7 being able to either us purchase those items for
- 8 giveaway with the local jurisdictions?
- 9 MR. LEVENSON: Well, I'm not sure if you're
- 10 talking about -- I'd have to come back to you with some
- 11 information as to what that might cost, but if we're
- 12 talking about --
- MEMBER EATON: Well, if it's \$7 a blade,
- 14 which is what I just recently paid at Sears-Roebuck, at
- 15 10,000 of those that's 70,000. Do the math. 20,000,
- 16 140,000. 30,000, 210,000.
- 17 MR. LEVENSON: We would be hoping to
- 18 actually through an outreach campaign in conjunction
- 19 with point of purchase materials to effect a larger
- 20 target than that.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: If on the L.A. grass cycling
- 22 thing -- that was one of the things that was talked
- 23 about. It was one of the things that was part of the
- 24 $\,\,$ educational program. The issue was it was a mow down
- 25 pollution campaign. It was a campaign that was geared
- 26 to pollution at the same time as the grass cycling, and

- 1 I know L.A. Sand District wanted to promote the blades,
- 2 and it didn't matter what kind of a mower, just so long
- 3 as it was a mulching mower, and there were some
- 4 constraints because of the fashion that you put the
- 5 program in, that we needed it to be a supplemental
- 6 piece of the program, and so I think -- I know that the
- 7 L.A. people always promoted that as an option, but it
- 8 was a mow down pollution campaign originally. That's
- 9 why I'm glad to see it's separated out as two pieces.
- 10 MEMBER EATON: Well, let me ask another
- 11 question then.
- 12 Is part of the \$515,000 to finish up the
- 13 money -- the video for what we spent on the video a
- 14 couple of weeks ago, or a month ago?
- MR. LEVENSON: That's correct. Some monies
- 16 would be spent on that.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: Could you explain to me then
- 18 how, when we entered into into a contract for video,
- 19 that we didn't obtain that the rights to a final
- 20 product, that all we entered into a contract for was
- 21 the right for a partial version of the -- of the video,
- 22 and that, therefore, we have to spend additional
- 23 dollars in order to complete the project?
- MR. LEVENSON: At the time that that
- 25 contract came before you earlier this year, I believe
- 26 it was May, we had identified a need to begin shooting

- 1 footage for a spring 1999 grass cycling campaign. We'd
- 2 identify the need for start shooting footage this
- 3 summer or early fall at the lastest in order to have a
- 4 video in place by the spring. In the item that was
- 5 brought before you, there was -- I forget the exact
- 6 total, but there were some remaining funds unencumbered
- 7 from 97/98, and we brought forward two or three
- 8 contract concepts that would be funded out of those
- 9 monies. 45,700 was allocated by the Board for initial
- 10 production of the video, but in the item itself we did
- 11 indicate that that was for initial production only and
- 12 that there would be subsequent needs for final editing
- 13 and production at a later date.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: Explain to me why some of
- 15 that footage couldn't have been used for a PSA with the
- original 94,000, or whatever we allocated?
- 17 MR. LEVENSON: It certainly can be, and what
- 18 we're proposing is that we amend the -- one possibility
- 19 is to amend the MSA with Citygate to, indeed, produce
- 20 that -- those PSA's out of the footage they're
- 21 scheduled to shoot in the next couple of weeks.
- 22 MEMBER EATON: How much was the original? I
- 23 can't recall. The original outcome.
- MR. LEVENSON: Last year's MSA was 45,700.
- MS. TRGOVICH: The original concept -- this
- 26 is Caren Trgovich -- I believe was for \$109,000, and it

- 1 was proposed to be funded out of fiscal year 98/99
- 2 monies. When 97/98 monies -- year-end monies were
- 3 available, we carved out the 45,000 plus to begin
- 4 production on the video. I think what Howard's
- 5 bringing forward in terms of using monies through this
- 6 concept, it's to complete that work, and it's just more
- 7 a matter of what tasks were omitted from the original
- 8 contractor, original scope of work to put it within the
- 9 45,000, and then the remaining tasks are then included
- 10 in this larger concept for consideration for fiscal
- 11 year 98/99 monies.
- 12 MEMBER EATON: Well, are we purchasing time
- 13 to show the video?
- MR. LEVENSON: That would be one of
- 15 prerogatives of the local campaign that depending on
- 16 their own plan of activities that they come up with,
- 17 the monies that would go to the regional campaigns, the
- 18 450-odd thousand divided up among X number of
- 19 campaigns, two to four, they would be spending it on
- 20 purchase of media time. It could be on stuffing
- 21 envelopes with promotional materials. It could be
- 22 working with the manufacturers. That will be worked
- 23 out on a regional basis.
- MEMBER EATON: So we would have no say.
- 25 It's up to their discretion, how they want to
- 26 distribute the video.

- 1 MR. LEVENSON: You would have final say on
- 2 the scope of work which would include those kinds of
- 3 details. We would have to come back to you, hopefully
- 4 in a short time frame in November, with a detailed
- 5 scope of work that lays out the various activities
- 6 contemplated by the region and time lines for their
- 7 implementation. So I think --
- 8 MEMBER EATON: Do you think it's a wiser
- 9 expenditure of taxpayer dollars to the produce video
- 10 and then go out on your own campaign and provide a
- 11 statewide -- initiative statewide media campaign with
- 12 the kind of resources we have in house, as well as
- 13 purchasing outside time and trying to get public
- 14 service announcements for probably a third of the cost
- 15 of what we're paying for commercials, especially in a
- 16 market such as Fresno or in some of the other areas?
- 17 We all know that in L.A. it's very difficult to
- 18 purchase media time because of the market, and so on
- 19 and so forth. You might be able to do cable systems.
- 20 You might be able to do other kinds of things, but what
- 21 then about radio. I don't see in anything in here on
- 22 radio. Radio is a way to reach probably many more
- 23 people.
- MR. LEVENSON: Radio would certainly be
- 25 included in as one the options under the regional
- 26 campaigns. There's nothing precluded for many of those

- 1 regional campaigns. It would depend on their own
- 2 particular media contacts and needs that they determine
- 3 in conjunction with us.
- 4 MEMBER EATON: This money would be the RMDZ;
- 5 correct.
- 6 MR. LEVENSON: That's correct.
- 7 MEMBER EATON: And that would be the money
- 8 that would be out of the 4 million. Do we have to
- 9 encumber that money within one year, or what do we have
- 10 to do? Can we encumber it over the course of three
- 11 years?
- MS. FISH: You have three years.
- 13 MEMBER EATON: Let me ask one other
- 14 question.
- With regard to Contract Concepts Items 9 and
- 16 10, Item 9 is the only one that's required by statute;
- 17 is that correct?
- 18 MR. LEVENSON: I'd like to refer that to
- 19 Julie. I believe that's correct, but I don't know for
- 20 sure.
- 21 MEMBER EATON: 'Cause they continue to have
- 22 a hard time distinguishing between 9 and 10.
- MS. KIHARA: Hi. I'm Diane Kihara.
- Did you want me to answer questions on 9 or
- 25 10? 9 is required by statute, yes, you're correct.
- 26 SB 675 is the statute. 10 is not required by statute,

- 1 but what it is, is a beginning on a study, particularly
- 2 to focus on bioaerosol emissions from composing
- 3 facilities. What we have been finding is that many of
- 4 the facilities -- or there's question as to whether or
- 5 not there's public health threat from the bioaresols
- 6 that might be coming from those facilities.
- 7 Does that help clarify at all?
- 8 MEMBER EATON: And how would that affect
- 9 Concept 9. Is that one and the same?
- MS. HAPPERSBERGER: Concept 9 --
- 11 MEMBER EATON: Does Concept 9 deal with
- 12 composting?
- MS. KIHARA: Yes.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: So how is it different?
- MS. HAPPERSBERGER: Concept 9 --
- 16 MEMBER EATON: I don't know a whole lot
- 17 about it, so I'm trying to educate myself. I've been
- 18 educated on CEQA yesterday, so now I'm trying to get
- 19 composting today.
- MS. HAPPERSBERGER: Sue Happersberger.
- 21 Concept 9 is for developing odor standards
- 22 for odor measurement and developing thresholds to
- 23 helping resolve odor issues at compost facilities and
- 24 would include generating a technical guidance document
- 25 for LEA's to assist with odor complaint responses,
- 26 investigations enforcement.

- 1 MEMBER EATON: But wouldn't the by-product
- 2 be Number 10 out of Number 9 in the study?
- 3 MR. SMITH: No.
- 4 MEMBER EATON: Why?
- 5 MR. SMITH: Odor -- the chemicals creating
- 6 odor are different in the action from the composition
- 7 from the potential hazards of the -- than the emission
- 8 studies in Number 10. You're lacking at things in 10
- 9 like aspergillus, which is not a factor in odor. These
- 10 are two -- scientifically these are two separate and
- 11 distinct emissions from a compost facility. The
- 12 commonalities of the compost facility, the science is
- 13 radically different.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: So we'd be developing a
- 15 standard for one and not including the emissions for
- 16 Number 10 in that standard?
- 17 MR. SMITH: It's an entirely separate study.
- 18 The odor chemicals are different from the --
- 19 MEMBER EATON: But should it be part of the
- 20 same study --
- 21 MR. SMITH: The --
- 22 MEMBER EATON: -- in order to have the
- 23 complete record of standards? Are we going to have to
- 24 set standards for Number 10 once we do the study?
- MR. SMITH: We don't know. We don't know.
- 26 That's part -- there is -- once you mentioned the

- 1 department of health services.
- 2 MS. KIHARA: Right. One of the reasons why
- 3 this contract concept was put forward is because we
- 4 have been asked repeatedly by the local enforcement
- 5 agencies dealing with composting facilities and citing
- 6 of composting facilities because of surrounding
- 7 communities and their concerns with bioaerosols, and,
- 8 in fact, they have asked the Department of Health
- 9 Services, who has now somewhat been involved in trying
- 10 to put some information together for the local
- 11 enforcement agencies, the local health officers dealing
- 12 with emissions from bioaerosols.
- 13 I just wanted to add one thing. The two do
- 14 relate to composting facilities. The measurement for
- odors, as Mr. Smith said, is very, very different than
- 16 measuring for bioaerosols. The sampling is totally
- 17 different. It's not to say that you couldn't go to a
- 18 facility maybe and look at odor and bioaerosols. It's
- 19 just that the two have been separated out.
- 20 MR. CHANDLER: Maybe one way to also clarify
- 21 the distinction is, you may recall, members, that until
- 22 recently the issue of trying to monitor odor at
- 23 composting facilities fell primarily with the local air
- 24 pollution control officers, and they had some 24-hour
- 25 response process that they went through to try to deal
- 26 with community complaints and odor at composting

- 1 facilities. Recent legislation changed that
- 2 responsibility to the local enforcements agents, and so
- 3 they are now, in a sense, the ones responsible for
- 4 dealing with odor issues at composting facilities.
- 5 Formerly an air district responsibility; now an LEA
- 6 responsibility.
- 7 The department that is concerned about the
- 8 bioaerosol issue is the Department of Health Services,
- 9 and they have a completely different interest, and that
- 10 is, is there health risks associated with these
- 11 facilities with any airborne fungus or airborne
- 12 bioaerosols that may be transmitted through the entry
- 13 and exit of trucks and other traffic at composting
- 14 facilities, and they would like to establish some
- 15 potential operational standards at these facilities
- 16 around the health affects of bioaerosols.
- 17 So you have the Department of Health
- 18 Services that wants to look at some issues. You have a
- 19 former air responsibility that is now LEA
- 20 responsibility, and I think that's the best way I can
- 21 describe the two different aspects of what is going on
- 22 at composting facilities but is being looked at from
- 23 two entirely different departments, air districts
- 24 health services, LEA's health services, on our area of
- 25 organics.
- 26 MEMBER JONES: If I could just for a second.

- 1 On the health services stuff, though,
- 2 they've either issued a report or are ready to issue a
- 3 report without the benefit of these studies.
- 4 MS. KIHARA: There have been some studies
- 5 done, but there's not enough, in our opinion, enough
- 6 scientific validity, or enough science there to back up
- 7 some of the requirements in the report, but you are
- 8 correct, you know.
- 9 MEMBER JONES: Right. And if those stand
- 10 without this report, they're going to harm -- they
- 11 could harm composting facilities and the expansion of
- 12 them, because of some arbitrary decisions that have
- 13 been made with existing data.
- 14 MS. KIHARA: Right, and we recognize there's
- 15 a need. This is a beginning to try to start getting
- 16 information, because if you look at all of the
- 17 scientific and technical literature, basically what it
- 18 says is, this is something we need to be concerned
- 19 about, but there's just not enough information out
- 20 there. We don't know really what's coming off of these
- 21 facilities, and if, in fact, the bioaerosols or
- 22 aspergillus is coming off of these facilities, it's
- 23 specific to these facilities because those kinds of air
- 24 emissions are so ubiquitous.
- MR. CHANDLER: I did write the director,
- 26 Kim Bilshay (phonetic), a letter asking that she allow

- 1 the Board to consider this issue prior to releasing
- 2 that report, because I think the report itself would be
- 3 immediately subject to some type of peer review and,
- 4 frankly, goes into recommending operational
- 5 recommendations at composting facilities that I think
- 6 this Board really has the responsibility for, such as
- 7 setting buffer zones and other types of expensive
- 8 monitoring equipment for bioaerosols, and I think it
- 9 would set back the composting industry just due to the
- 10 increased costs of running these operations, which I
- 11 believe are recommendations that have not yet been
- 12 scientifically established. So I'm encouraging that
- 13 she not release the report, and we look and see whether
- 14 or not we can bring any funds to the table to further
- 15 the science, if you will in this area. Are there
- 16 health risks from bioaerosols at compost facilities,
- 17 and if so, what are the standards that perhaps down the
- 18 road should be set? But that, again, is a separate
- 19 analysis and separate review than providing the tools
- 20 the LEA's need to deal with odor issues.
- 21 MEMBER EATON: So I'm thinking -- and I
- 22 don't get this -- but I don't know how you can go and
- 23 try and measure odors and not consider the health risks
- 24 in the first place under Number 9. You just can't
- 25 separate the health. Now, you may have a separate
- 26 analysis, I agree, but you can't develop odors and

- 1 standards and measure if you don't have the health
- 2 effects, 'cause how else can you relate back what
- 3 threshold level in 9 if you don't know what the health
- 4 effects are? Aren't they one and the same?
- 5 MS. KIHARA: They are somewhat linked, but
- 6 the basic difference is, is that a health effect from a
- 7 bioaerosol may be very different than odor. You may
- 8 have a bioaerosol present, but you may not be able to
- 9 smell it. So it doesn't necessarily mean --
- 10 MEMBER EATON: But you're going to measure
- 11 that in Number 9, aren't you? Aren't you going to test
- 12 for that?
- MS. HAPPERSBERGER: There's very few
- 14 laboratories in the state that measure bioaerosols, and
- so if we combined the two, we'd be limiting ourselves
- on the laboratories that we could use on the other
- 17 study, which is using odor panels.
- 18 MEMBER EATON: I just don't understand it.
- 19 MR. CHANDLER: Diane, is your -- let me ask
- 20 you this way. Could both of these, what we may agree
- 21 are distinct subject matter areas, be combined into a
- 22 single request for analysis, perhaps one being Task 1
- 23 and one being Task 2, with a third kind of a summary as
- 24 to whether the interrelationships are there and what
- 25 they are? If I'm following Mr. Eaton's question, I
- 26 think he's looking for --

- 1 MS. KIHARA: Let it out as one contract
- 2 concept and look at bioaerosols and odor emissions from
- 3 a composting facility and have the report cover both?
- 4 Yes, that could be done.
- 5 MR. CHANDLER: Is that what you're looking
- 6 for?
- 7 MEMBER EATON: I'll give it some
- 8 consideration as we move through the others. I just
- 9 don't -- frankly don't understand it. I fully admit
- 10 it's probably me who doesn't understand the process,
- 11 but I would think that that's part of what should be
- 12 doing here, or at least being prepped on on some of
- 13 this stuff, and this is the second or third time we've
- 14 come up with this, and it's still not clear, so
- 15 obviously I have a block on it.
- MR. SMITH: Let me make a crude analogy.
- 17 Odor is the broken leg. Aspergillus is the viral
- 18 infection, and we've got two different diagnostic
- 19 panels here, and possibly two different specialists,
- 20 dealing with these issues, and there is a separation.
- 21 You can have odor -- well, not without aspergillus.
- 22 Aspergillus has no issue within the odor area. You can
- 23 certainly have aspergillus without odor. They're two
- 24 scientifically separate things. We're looking for two
- 25 different diagnostic analytical groups to look at these
- 26 effects coming out of here, so we're asking for a

- 1 broken leg specialist and a viral specialist to give us
- 2 information that would lead us then to create the
- 3 regulations around it. We're not looking at these
- 4 people to do the regulations. That's our job. We're
- 5 looking at these people to provide the underlying
- 6 science to enable us to make intelligent decisions. So
- 7 by combining -- I think you're limiting the access to
- 8 capable laboratories to be able to give us the standard
- 9 of analysis. That's about -- you know, it's a crude
- analogy, but that's the analogy that's applicable here.
- 11 They are same body, two different issues within that
- 12 body, and we're looking for the best leg setter. We're
- 13 looking for the best viralologist to give us that
- 14 information so we can create the standards.
- 15 MEMBER EATON: Which are not required under
- 16 675; correct?
- 17 MR. SMITH: Correct.
- 18 MEMBER EATON: So don't you think it would
- 19 be a good thing and a good thing for the public health
- 20 to be able to go beyond what the statute says and try
- 21 and protect the health and welfare people if we have
- 22 the opportunity?
- MR. SMITH: Absolutely.
- 24 MEMBER EATON: So why aren't we doing it
- 25 with this?
- 26 MR. SMITH: I'm not understanding your last

- 1 question.
- 2 MEMBER EATON: Just move on.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay.
- 4 MR. ANSO: If we wanted to move on, that's
- 5 fine. Tom Anso with the LEA Support Services Branch.
- If I could try to simplify just a bit.
- 7 Generally from a public health standpoint of which
- 8 background I'm intimately familiar with, is odors
- 9 typically have been construed in the area of a nuisance
- 10 complaint as opposed to a potential public health
- 11 complaint. Now, what we are trying and attempting to
- 12 do is to, under SB-675, identify the potential for odor
- 13 and nuisance resolutions in a specific time frame
- 14 definite which we've been given under the statute to
- 15 identify those recommendations back.
- The separate issue, which we are concerned
- 17 with as a Board, in a number of areas, one is the
- 18 potential public health hazard to the local community,
- 19 to the health and safety workers, our inspectors at
- 20 facilities, the LEA inspectors at facilities, resolve
- 21 around the area of the bioaerosols and the potential
- 22 for effects for a variety of potential exposures to
- 23 pathogenic organisms. Within that time association and
- $24\,$ $\,$ frequency, indeed the HS has been requested to evaluate
- 25 that process. They're in their second year of
- 26 attempting to do so and have recently completed an

- 1 in-depth literature research, which, as our initial
- 2 review of that search indicates, that there is a lack
- 3 of a focus review in scientific in-depth evaluation of
- 4 what the actual exposure is. In this Number 10, then,
- 5 would identify actual testing procedures to identify
- 6 what potential risks would be there and what that
- 7 resulting potential setback, distances, operational
- 8 requirements for compost facilities. We see that as an
- 9 extremely important area where we're looking at the
- 10 priority areas, both for the organics greening team,
- 11 and accomplishing those priority areas in the increased
- 12 usage in accomplishing those 50 percent reduction in
- 13 diversions for compost facilities.
- 14 At this point, then, looking at those
- 15 bioaerosol, potential siting issues may, in fact, if
- 16 there is confirmation of bioaerosol exposures and
- 17 potential public health issues, and required setbacks
- 18 may severely limit or alter our approach in the siting
- 19 of and development of regulations relating to organic
- 20 processing and the composting organizations.
- 21 So we see them as if definitely related, but
- 22 not necessarily integrated together from the standpoint
- 23 of cause and effect. There can be an odor, but there
- 24 may not be any potential exposure from a public health
- 25 standpoint for health risk. And that's kind of the
- 26 separation.

- I don't know if that helps explain a bit. I
- 2 can certainly answer more questions if you like.
- 3 MEMBER JONES: I have a question,
- 4 Mr. Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Mr. Jones.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: On the odor issues, I think
- 7 everybody understands that when you shred an organic
- 8 material and put it in a windmill and let it start to
- 9 go through its process, it will emit an odor. Is this
- 10 study going to deal with -- on the odor side -- is it
- 11 going to deal with the feedstock of that material?
- 12 What is the feedstock of material going into this
- 13 composting facility or into feedstock facilities, and
- 14 then at what level does the odor become a nuisance?
- 15 Because, you know, there is going to be odor. That is
- 16 part of the process. We cannot come up with in vessel
- 17 recommendations out of here, you know, as a result of
- 18 this thing. How are we going to deal with
- 19 acknowledging what a -- what level is going to be
- 20 assigned as far as the natural process?
- 21 MR. ANSO: You're totally correct. In the
- 22 biological functions of that degradation process, there
- 23 definitely would be an odor produced depending on the
- 24 operational implementations of properly managing that
- 25 feedstock and the composting facility associated with
- 26 the odor. In terms of the actual scope of work of

- 1 development, again, these are contract concepts, and
- 2 the specific scope of work has not totally been
- 3 developed yet, but I would assume that that could be an
- 4 integral portion of that scope of work to evaluate
- 5 those potential needs as well.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: If you go to a redwood
- 7 landfill in Marin County and look at the composting
- 8 operations that they have going on, they, at a local
- 9 level, have put in a series of sprayers, you know, that
- 10 mask the air, do whatever they do to try to minimize
- 11 the odors. That's what they needed locally. Is the
- 12 outcome of an item like this going to -- could it
- 13 potentially say that all these facilities need to have
- 14 this? Because it's important, I think, that we know
- 15 what that threshold odor level is before we start
- 16 talking about remediation that may not be necessary
- 17 depending upon where it's sited.
- 18 MR. ANSO: And, indeed, that threshold odor
- 19 level may be different for different people, and that's
- 20 why the nuisance aspect for odors is extremely
- 21 difficult to identify, and that's why over the years
- the regulations have changed from an odor panel, quote.
- 23 Now we're in the next stage of developing the best the
- 24 management practices to reduce odors and make those
- 25 recommendations under SB-675 back to the legislative
- 26 requirements.

- 1 MEMBER JONES: Okay.
- 2 Is Howard still here?
- 3 MR. LEVENSON: I really wasn't talking.
- 4 MEMBER JONES: I just didn't see you.
- 5 On the health and safety one -- you're going
- 6 to have to remind me, 'cause I don't remember when it
- 7 was. It was last year, early in the year when we had
- 8 an issue coming up about composting, and there were a
- 9 couple doctors out in the -- or one guy out in the
- 10 audience, a professional that talked about aspergillus
- 11 and how we needed to -- how we couldn't go forward with
- 12 our reg package because of the threat of aspergillus.
- 13 I don't remember who it was, but I remember he was the
- 14 only expert on that side of the issue.
- MR. LEVENSON: I do remember several years
- 16 ago, one of the -- I believe it was one of the doctors
- 17 from -- one of the members of CURE.
- 18 MEMBER JONES: Is it Rankovich, yeah.
- MR. LEVENSON: I think that was more than a
- 20 year ago.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: Was it more than a year ago?
- 22 MR. LEVENSON: I think it was when the regs
- 23 were last revised in '95.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: Maybe I happen to have been
- 25 audience. I don't know.
- 26 MR. LEVENSON: Karin thinks it was the first

- 1 time in '93.
- 2 MEMBER JONES: But those are the issues.
- 3 It's similar to ozone depletion. You've got 50 on one
- 4 side, and you've got 50 on the other side; right? What
- 5 you're trying to get here is some clear scientific
- 6 backup to help us with our job.
- 7 MR. LEVENSON: Right. At this time there's
- 8 no -- as Diane's mentioned, we have a lot of concerns
- 9 about the conclusions drawn in the draft EHS report,
- 10 but there's not very much information coming from
- 11 composting facilities that handle the kinds of
- 12 materials that the fall under AB 939. Nor are there --
- 13 certainly there's no standards for what to do if there
- 14 even is an emission of bioaerosols. So we're concerned
- 15 about operational design requirements being put in
- 16 place that have no scientific underpinning.
- 17 MEMBER JONES: Understood. I believe that.
- 18 I have a question on Number 2 from the Eaton
- 19 team.
- 20 MEMBER EATON: It hasn't been recommended.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: That doesn't mean anything.
- 22 How often do we go with the recommendation?
- 23 MEMBER EATON: Everyone seems to be using
- 24 that as an example these days, so I just figured I'd
- 25 throw it in.
- 26 MEMBER JONES: I just want to ask a

- 1 question. This thing talks about going with theme
- 2 parks and stuff like that. Does it -- would it insist
- 3 that they use the finished product within their
- 4 facilities, because when -- you know, when we had
- 5 Amador County here -- or not Amador, but when we had
- 6 the other county, one of the ones that we fined, and I
- 7 brought up the -- used to be my neighbor in
- 8 Tuolumne County -- and we brought up the idea that the
- 9 that the federal government wanted to do that in vessel
- 10 composting at their facility, and the first question
- 11 that I asked was, would they use it, and they said, no,
- 12 and I said --
- 13 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yosemite.
- 14 MEMBER JONES: -- then forget it. Yeah,
- 15 Yosemite. I said, forget it. I don't want to bid the
- 16 project. If this -- you know, if this were to go to
- 17 parks and stuff, but as part of the program, they not
- 18 only did it, they used it, the finished product, then
- 19 it closes the loop.
- 20 MEMBER EATON: Sure. That's one of the
- 21 potential uses, but then you have some theme parks that
- 22 have nothing but astro turf.
- 23 MEMBER JONES: Then we won't give them
- 24 money.
- 25 MEMBER EATON: Right. But, you know, this
- 26 would be for kinds of places like the new Lego World

- 1 that's coming up, Sea World, all those kinds of places
- 2 where there are, you know, thousands of people moving
- 3 through and the food products, but, yes, that would be
- 4 one of the potentials, and I guess that would be
- 5 developed in the criteria for some of it. I mean,
- 6 you've obviously got to close the loop.
- 7 MEMBER JONES: Yeah. I don't have a problem
- 8 with it if, you know, we make sure that they use it,
- 9 because then we've got an incentive, they've got an
- 10 incentive.
- 11 MR. FRAZEE: Mr. Chairman, not to beat a
- 12 dead horse here, but I've just been given information
- on the bioaerosol issue that U.S. EPA has already
- 14 completed a study in that regard, and I wonder if we're
- 15 tying into that.
- MR. LEVENSON: I'm unaware of any study by
- 17 U.S. EPA. I'm aware of a review panel convened by U.S.
- 18 EPA about three years ago, I believe -- four years ago,
- 19 under the auspices of U.S.D.A., U.S. EPA, National
- 20 Institutes of Occupational Safety and Health, and a
- 21 number of other experts, and they conducted an
- 22 extensive review that was published in one of the
- 23 compost science and utilization research journals. The
- 24 DHS staff were unaware of that report, and we provide
- 25 that to them. It did draw conclusions on the scant
- 26 amount of information that was available, conclusions

- 1 such as there was no evidence of worker health risks
- 2 associated with -- or at composting facilities, and it
- 3 did call for longer term research to establish kind of
- 4 what the emissions were from composting facilities, and
- 5 then to look at if there's any health risks associated
- 6 with that. So that may be what --
- 7 MEMBER FRAZEE: That may be what the
- 8 reference was.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. Thank you.
- 10 Would you explain a little bit more to me,
- 11 Howard, the commercial food BMP partner's program, what
- 12 you envision there?
- 13 MR. LEVENSON: Sure. The greening team, in
- 14 constructing its original target for that, looked at
- 15 the generation data that we have in house on food
- 16 scraps and tried to ascertain which industry sectors
- 17 were generating the largest amounts of food scraps, and
- 18 those were areas such as the grocery sector, restaurant
- 19 providers, food service providers, food service
- 20 providers in a range of different settings, and then
- 21 institutional prisons and other kind of entities. So
- 22 the target was constructed with the idea of working
- 23 with those entities and their trade associations, or in
- 24 this case of the institutions, with the overseeing
- 25 agencies, to develop best management practices related
- 26 to reducing the waste of food, and those would vary

- 1 from sector to sector. It could be more attention to
- 2 avoiding prepackaging waste in a grocery
- 3 predistribution plant or processing plant, but working
- 4 through those industry associations to develop those
- 5 BMP's and disseminate that out to the members of those
- 6 associations. That's the basic gist of it.
- 7 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. Thank you.
- 8 How would you all like to do this? You want
- 9 to vote on each subcategory? We can kind of go through
- 10 it that way. Do you want to take each individual one?
- 11 I'd be prepared to make a motion on a
- 12 subcategory here.
- 13 MEMBER FRAZEE: I think that's appropriate.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: Well, first, I think there's
- 15 an issue of IWMA versus RMDZ in separating those two as
- 16 categories, and I think first and foremost that's where
- 17 you've got to begin. Because, first off, the funding
- 18 and the urgency of the funding are different, and I
- 19 think from a baseline aspect.
- 20 Second and foremost, I think that you,
- 21 Mr. Chair, and myself who went and asked for this
- 22 money, we're going to be, when we go back next year,
- 23 asked how are we going to spend it, how did we spend
- 24 it. If we spend it all today on these projects without
- 25 knowing how circumstances may change or could change or
- 26 priorities change, then I think we are going down a

- 1 path where we are going to get continued criticism and
- 2 continued badgering and probably will not get any
- 3 additional funds. So I think first and foremost, I
- 4 would just urge caution that rather than we encumber
- 5 and spend all that money in the RMDZ that we think
- 6 about what are the essential projects that we need to
- 7 get today and see where we may need that money if some
- 8 of the other BCP's or other things don't come through
- 9 over the course of the three years. I think our
- 10 priorities will change as we move through. So I think
- 11 that's Point 1.
- 12 The IWMA is obviously a different situation.
- 13 We can kind of go through that as you desire.
- 14 MS. FISH: In this category, you only have
- 15 six and two in the IWMA. There is -- there isn't an
- 16 executive staff recommendation to fund those out of
- 17 IWMA, so at this time we could just look at those two
- 18 and ask if there is a counter-recommendation that you
- 19 would like to fund either of those two out of the IWMA,
- 20 and then go to the RMDZ before we've moved on to
- 21 construction and demolition.
- Would that be helpful?
- 23 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 24 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yeah.
- MR. CHANDLER: One thing I would want to
- 26 add -- I'm sorry.

- 1 MEMBER JONES: Go ahead, Ralph.
- 2 MR. CHANDLER: In Howard's presentation, he
- 3 did make the point that Number 43 and Number 46 -- I
- 4 made -- correct me if I'm wrong -- 43 and 46 were timed
- 5 critical, and I see those are RMDZ requested, so maybe
- 6 what I need to hear if we want to delay the RMDZ is,
- 7 under what timetable would you like to take up the RMDZ
- 8 activities if we are going to go down that path of
- 9 doing this on a longer time frame?
- 10 MR. LEVENSON: I'd also like to note that
- 11 Number 6 under the IWMA would not require funding if
- 12 you approve funding for Number 46.
- 13 So that does depend on a resolution to that.
- 14 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 16 MEMBER JONES: I think that Mr. Eaton is
- 17 right. I think what he's saying is go cautiously. I'm
- 18 hoping that what I heard was like, let's do what we
- 19 think we've got to do now, and then hold some money.
- 20 Who cares if we've got 2- or \$3 million left in
- 21 abeyance. Let's look at some things and take a vote on
- 22 it, and, you know, we can continue to discuss under the
- 23 itmes -- I like the idea of doing them by sections, you
- 24 know, and if we think we're spending too much money in
- one area, then we need to hold back or have a no vote,
- 26 or whatever, but, you know, I think that if we did 46

- 1 for 550,000 -- I think that one's important, and it's a
- 2 continued program -- I think that the partnership end
- 3 uses on agricultural for composting is an important one
- 4 because obviously we've got to -- it's --
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 45.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: It's 45. I'm sorry. Because
- 7 I think that we have to move those partnerships to get
- 8 markets for our stuff. I'm not too excited about
- 9 moving 125 -- or the 44 right now. I think that can
- 10 feed in, or if -- wherever Howard is -- if it is more
- 11 important to do 44 first to ensure that 45 is
- 12 successful, I need to know that, because I think those
- 13 are linked, and I think you have the same customer, or
- 14 maybe not.
- MR. LEVENSON: If we, in talking with
- 16 Bill Orr the team leader on the greening team, we would
- 17 view -- the grass cycling landscape management
- 18 certainly is critical to get going right away, meaning
- 19 within the next two months, and the partnerships for
- 20 agriculture and other end uses is another critical
- 21 component, which we'd like to get going, but we do have
- 22 time to go through an RFP process.
- 23 MEMBER JONES: But I guess what I'm saying
- 24 is, 46, the grass cycling campaign, I think needs to
- 25 happen. On 45, which is your partnership with the ag
- and other end uses, or 44, which is the organic

- 1 material feedstock and product quality issues. One
- 2 is -- one kind of insures that we will be able to
- 3 deliver a good product to the agricultural community;
- 4 right?
- 5 MR. LEVENSON: Correct.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: So would 44 be more important
- 7 than 45 as a first step to build that partnership with
- 8 the ag community?
- 9 MR. LEVENSON: Not in our opinion, because
- 10 there is a lot of good product being developed.
- 11 MEMBER JONES: Right.
- 12 MR. LEVENSON: 45, in our view, is critical
- 13 to create the demand pull in terms of various end
- 14 users. 44, which I know you spoke to at an earlier
- 15 Board, or maybe it was even a committee meeting at that
- 16 point, on feedstock quality issues, we view as part of
- 17 the lengths on the system, but actually in reference to
- 18 some of yesterday's discussion about -- from the
- 19 unions, there are some components of that contract
- 20 which conceivably could be at least started in house to
- 21 get some of that information. That's more of a
- 22 resource issue, but I think if we had to pick one, we
- 23 would go with 45 as the more immediate tangible
- 24 products related to compost and mulch use.
- 25 MEMBER JONES: Okay.
- 26 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: You also must remember

- 1 that there are savings in the other categories, too. I
- 2 mean, if we feel we have to do four items in this
- 3 subcategory, then we're still going to have two more
- 4 categories that we can have some savings -- three more
- 5 categories that we can have some savings out of.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: Yeah, I'm just -- you know,
- 7 in that category, now, I'd also want to include
- 8 Number 40 if we included end use in it -- not 40,
- 9 Number 2, because I think that one's important, and I
- 10 think you guys already said that end use could be part
- 11 of that; right?
- 12 MEMBER EATON: Probably should be hooked
- 13 with 14 then if you do that, because they both come out
- 14 of --
- MR. LEVENSON: I would like to make the
- 16 point that we recommended Number 14 -- well, we
- 17 developed Number 14 and then recommend it because it is
- 18 directly linked to the performance plan, and that was
- 19 the reason why there was no recommendation from staff
- 20 regarding Number 2, because it didn't speak directly to
- 21 the performance plan. It would also be in addition to
- 22 the performance plan in terms of tasks to be
- 23 implemented.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: Okay.
- But the way I read 14, we're locking at, you
- 26 know, we may look at the prisons and some people like

- 1 that, which hopefully would work. The same issue comes
- 2 up, though, would they be committed to using the
- 3 product they developed on their grounds? You know.
- 4 MR. LEVENSON: Right.
- 5 MEMBER JONES: I mean, if they wouldn't, to
- 6 me it doesn't make any sense. You know, if they're not
- going to use what we're spending money to help them
- 8 develop, then it doesn't make any sense why we should
- 9 do it.
- 10 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: On 14, under those
- 11 quidelines, 14 wouldn't work because there's a lot of
- 12 restaurants that's not going to be able to use the
- 13 product.
- 14 MEMBER JONES: Right. Do we have a -- I
- 15 know we have a need, but do we have a request? Do we
- 16 have people that are interested in seeing us doing this
- 17 besides our staff, on the commercial side?
- 18 MR. LEVENSON: In the commercial -- the food
- 19 scraps? That initially was an idea formulated by the
- 20 greening team, and we have since gone out done profile
- 21 work with the various sectors, and particularly on the
- 22 grocery side, there is definite interest in working
- 23 this area, and also on the institutional side through
- 24 DIPLA they've been working with some of the
- 25 institutions and there is an interest in getting a
- 26 better guidance and development of different kinds of

- 1 practices. So we do have external client, or customer
- 2 interest in this.
- 3 Restaurants, I would agree with
- 4 Mr. Pennington, that's a much more difficult sector,
- 5 and we're not really sure whether that's going to be
- 6 amenable to this.
- 7 MEMBER JONES: Yeah, it's not going to be
- 8 the restaurant that's going to want to do the program.
- 9 It's going to be the person that's providing the
- 10 service to them. That's why I'm saying, you know, we
- 11 keep -- I don't want to spend a bunch of money on
- 12 things where we don't have the people that want to
- 13 listen to our message.
- 14 MR. LEVENSON: Well, again, these would come
- 15 back to you for approval of the formal or the detailed
- 16 scopes of work, so at that point we'd be able to come
- 17 back and say, yes, we do have an agreement -- potential
- 18 agreement with such and such a sector that lays out the
- 19 following activities. We were unable to come to any
- 20 productive agreement with Sector X, and, therefore,
- 21 we're not recommending anything in that area. We do
- 22 need to do some more work on those once we find out
- 23 whether there are funds for them.
- 24 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I'd be willing to go
- 25 for 43, 44, 45, and 46. That saves us 80,000 there. I
- think we could probably get some more savings down the

- 1 road. These seem to be the four main thrusts of what
- 2 they're trying to do in organics. But to let them work
- 3 on 14 -- 6 is out, of course, but 14 and 2 and develop
- 4 that a little bit more for us so we have a clear
- 5 understanding of where we're going there.
- In fact, I'll make that motion that we
- 7 approve Concepts 43, 44, 45, and 46.
- 8 MR. FRAZEE: I'll second.
- 9 MS. FISH: And this is out of the RMDZ fund?
- 10 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Correct.
- 11 Okay. Mr. Frazee seconds. Any further
- 12 discussion? If not, will the secretary call the roll.
- THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: No.
- 15 THE SECRETARY: Board Member Frazee.
- MR. FRAZEE: Aye.
- 17 THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 18 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 19 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion fails.
- 21 Somebody like to offer --
- MR. FRAZEE: Let me just offer comment,
- 23 Mr. Chairman. I think that, you know, for my part, I
- 24 would be willing to authorize the entire recommended
- 25 group, keep in mind that time is of the essence on
- 26 these things. The fact that they're going to come back

- 1 to us for approval, and I think we can be criticized
- 2 just as much by the legislature for their appropriation
- 3 of money and then us not utilizing it as perhaps not
- 4 utilizing it wisely. I think the criticism can stand
- 5 either way, but I think the teams that have put these
- 6 together have done a good job, and the fact that we're
- 7 going to have a second shot at each one of these on an
- 8 individual basis to review it, that's good enough for
- 9 me, and I would prefer to see the approval of the
- 10 entire recommended group.
- 11 MEMBER EATON: I just have a hard time
- 12 understanding the 550,000 for grass cycling at this
- 13 present time. I just don't think that's that the kind
- 14 of money -- that's an awful high amount of money that
- 15 is roughly out of the 4 million, you know, a great
- 16 percentage for that, and under the SB 1066 directives,
- 17 I just remain convinced. I'm not saying I'm closed off
- 18 and won't ever, but I just think it's a lot, a lot of
- 19 money without anymore specifics than I have.
- 20 MS. TRGOVICH: Member Pennington, and other
- 21 members, perhaps one alternative to offer is similar to
- 22 the earlier direction to staff to go back and work on
- 23 14 and 2. Perhaps we could from the grass cycling
- 24 concept break out the completion of the video so we
- 25 have a final product, because remember when we were
- 26 before you in May, we in knew that those 97/98 funds

- 1 would not provide a final product. So break the monies
- 2 out necessary to create the final product and then do
- 3 some more work with each of your offices discussing
- 4 what the approach behind the campaign would be and how
- 5 we would proceed. My concern is having a partially
- 6 completed project that has been committed with prior
- 7 year funds that's of no value to any of us.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: What would that be?
- 9 How much would the completion of the video work -- what
- 10 would that cost be.
- 11 MS. TRGOVICH: That's in something we would
- 12 need to look at. We'd need to go back and we'd need to
- 13 pull the numbers together. We'd need to look at the
- 14 sheet that compiled all the numbers for each of the
- 15 components together, and I would need to come back to
- 16 you on that.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay.
- 18 MR. LEVENSON: I would estimate that in the
- 19 50- to \$100,000 range, depending on the amount of
- 20 materials, but I'd be happy to discuss the campaigns
- 21 more with Mr. Eaton or other Board members, but I do
- 22 want to reiterate the timing issue here, that if we are
- 23 going to have an effective outreach campaign with the
- 24 various regions, they have already indicated to us the
- 25 need for them to know what's forthcoming so that they
- 26 can adjust their budgets and start planning activities,

- 1 so we are on a short time fuse for doing that, should
- 2 we go forward with it.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. Well, let me
- 4 offer another --
- 5 MEMBER JONES: Can I just make a comment on
- 6 the grass cycling thing? I understand Mr. Eaton's
- 7 concern on the money. All of the programs that we're
- 8 doing here under market development, and there are
- 9 quite a few of them, deal with insuring that we end up
- 10 with an end product and then we work towards finding
- 11 markets for those end products. This is a project
- 12 where the market is the actual person that owns the
- 13 home that gets the grass cycling education, and instead
- 14 of going out and buying compost, he's doing it on his
- 15 lawn, and I know that, you know, it's a source
- 16 reduction there, but the request that came from
- 17 Southern California to me was, they were spending \$96 a
- 18 ton in picking up grass, driving it to a facility,
- 19 composting it, and then that person had to go out and
- 20 try to find markets for it, and what they said was,
- 21 "We've got to encourage our people. We've got to do
- 22 the campaigns and get people to understand that there
- 23 is a value in mulching that material, and it stays on
- 24 their lawn so that they don't have to go out and buy
- 25 fertilizer. They don't have to spend all their time on
- 26 water and things like that." So we couldn't really do

- 1 that, and we tied it to a pollution prevention plan and
- 2 incorporated more messages to try to justify what was a
- 3 very real request, and unfortunately, it was a huge
- 4 program that got very diluted, and that's my biggest
- 5 concern was the dilution factor, but it got a message
- 6 out, and it let people know that -- because we
- 7 cannot -- I don't think we can kid ourselves that --
- 8 MEMBER EATON: My point exactly is, the two
- 9 counties you mentioned, Orange and L.A. County, if you
- 10 had followed the debate on the blowers that blow the
- 11 grass around, you would realize that not once in here
- 12 have you gotten to the people who really can make a
- 13 difference, and that's the minority, the Hispanic
- 14 people who cut the lawn, and that's my problem, and
- 15 none of that is in here, and I don't want to hear about
- 16 scope of work, because I know how that works. That's
- 17 toothpaste out of the tube when you come back with
- 18 that. It starts here before you even get there. None
- 19 of that's even considered, and I disagree about moving
- 20 this stuff around. They've never gone after the people
- 21 who really need to be educated on this, and that's the
- 22 people who cut the lawns for the rich people down there
- 23 pay for.
- MR. LEVENSON: If I could just comment on
- 25 that, Mr. Eaton. Although, in talking with the
- 26 L.A./Orange County campaign as it's currently

- 1 constructed, that was one of their primary issues
- 2 identified was to have, at least, bilingual materials
- 3 and to focus on those crews that are going out and
- 4 going, you know, that are for hire on different
- 5 areas --
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, let's do this --
- 7 MR. LEVENSON: -- on this. So I think --
- 8 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Wait.
- 9 MEMBER JONES: Just to clear that up, the
- 10 task force included three Hispanic -- or two Hispanic
- 11 lawnmower associations. They were part of the task
- 12 force to put the L.A. grass cycling project together,
- 13 and they were disseminating that material back to their
- 14 membership, because we knew that while there is a huge
- 15 population down there, they either have no lawns or
- 16 they've got enough money to pay a gardener. How did we
- 17 get to them as well as get to -- because there are
- 18 other parts of that area that don't. We had
- 19 actually -- L.A. City had identified three areas
- 20 exactly that way, but they invited those people to --
- 21 they were part of that working group to make sure that
- 22 information got back, because we knew that was where
- 23 the issue was. As it turned out, they were the ones
- 24 that were buying commercial mulching lawn mowers for
- 25 their project, 'cause they didn't want to deal hauling
- 26 the grass to, unfortunately not a composting facility,

- 1 but one of the sites. I'm not sure they did a great
- 2 job of getting all those people there, but I think the
- 3 item probably needs to identify that we have to
- 4 increase that, but they were part of that task force,
- 5 seriously. They were there from day one.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Let me try this. I
- 7 want to move that we adopt Item 43, 44 and 45 and that
- 8 as to 46, because it's time sensitive, that we bring
- 9 back to us next week the cost of finishing the video
- 10 and expand on what you want to do, but bring that back
- 11 to us so that we can get this video at least completed.
- MS. FISH: Or Chairman, if I may, an
- 13 alternative might be to allow the 100,000. They
- 14 indicated 50- or 100,000, because this year, remember,
- 15 different from any other year, we're actually going to
- 16 bring the scopes of work back to the Board. So if we
- were allowed 100,000, the scope of work would then come
- 18 back and identify the additional money. We have more
- 19 time to reencumber any savings, so that would allow
- 20 them to get a head start on the project itself.
- 21 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: We're only talking
- 22 about a week here. I think they can come back and --
- 23 MEMBER EATON: I would agree with Ms. Fish's
- 24 recommendation.
- 25 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I'll tell you what,
- 26 why don't you make the motion then?

- 1 MEMBER EATON: Happy to.
- 2 I would recommend the motion include Item
- 3 Number 43, 44, 45, and that Item 46 be allocated
- 4 \$100,000 until such time as they can come back with a
- 5 much more defined contract concept for approval in
- 6 early November.
- 7 MR. LEVENSON: Could I seek a little
- 8 clarification on that? \$100,000 would be for the --
- 9 MEMBER EATON: Just to finish the video.
- 10 MR. LEVENSON: Completion the video.
- 11 MEMBER EATON: Or \$100,000 or finish the
- 12 video. Whichever is less.
- 13 MR. LEVENSON: Finish the video and other
- 14 materials, and we'd be coming back to you with the
- 15 scope of work that --
- MEMBER EATON: What are other materials?
- 17 MR. LEVENSON: The development of PSA's and
- 18 updating the brochure and so on.
- 19 MEMBER EATON: Sure.
- 20 MR. LEVENSON: And then that would come back
- 21 to you with the scope of work subject to your approval
- 22 in November. With respect to the remainder -- I just
- 23 want to make sure I understood where you're headed --
- 24 we would come back to you next week with a more
- 25 detailed explanation --
- 26 MEMBER EATON: No, November for the other

- 1 450,000.
- 2 MR. LEVENSON: There would be no point in
- 3 bringing it back at that time because we wouldn't get
- 4 anything done.
- 5 MEMBER EATON: You haven't even finished the
- 6 video, and you haven't done the PSA. You haven't done
- 7 anything.
- 8 MR. LEVENSON: That's correct.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: What can't you do in a month?
- 10 MS. TRGOVICH: I think that the issue that
- 11 Howard's trying to get at is to use the video and
- 12 information materials effectively. The time to launch
- 13 the campaigns is spring, as Member Jones knows, and
- 14 everyone who participated on the task force, and so I
- 15 think what they're launching for, or trying to get to
- 16 is that spring campaign, because that's when your
- 17 greatest amount of grass is going to be cut.
- 18 MEMBER EATON: I understand that, but we're
- 19 talking about 450,000, and I don't know how it's going
- 20 to be spent. That's what I want to find out, and I
- 21 don't have how that's being spent, and you can't
- 22 explain to me today how it's going to be spent.
- MR. LEVENSON: But that's what I'm
- 24 suggesting, we come back with more details next week.
- 25 Mr. Eaton, the only problem -- the biggest problem is
- 26 that if we come back in November with that explanation

- 1 and then you approve the concept, it will take us at
- 2 least another month or so to come back with the scope
- 3 of work and then -- probably two months to come back
- 4 with the scope of work, and so by the time we'd be
- 5 actually implementing any agreement or contract, it's
- 6 really going to be January or February. That's when
- 7 the activities already have to start on the part of the
- 8 local jurisdictions.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: We're going to be in
- 10 Santa Barbara. I'll split the difference. We'll go in
- 11 October.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay.
- 13 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes, Mr. Jones.
- 15 MEMBER JONES: I don't know if anybody
- 16 seconded, did they?
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: No, they didn't.
- 18 MEMBER JONES: Let me just ask a question of
- 19 Mr. Eaton.
- 20 On the grass cycling it's -- on the grass
- 21 cycling issue that the video's one piece, then how
- 22 these monies get allocated is another piece, and I
- 23 understand --
- 24 MEMBER EATON: And I know there's a
- 25 priority. I just -- you know, I'm sort of just
- 26 baseline hard to understand how we're going to spend

- 1 this kind of money out of \$4 million. You get BCP's
- and, you know, all of a sudden we're going to be
- 3 running around for other money. I just don't see the
- 4 money. I just don't see that kind of money, and so
- 5 maybe I have to do some education of myself on it. I
- 6 just don't see that kind of money and being able to
- 7 justify it for the kinds of things that we're doing,
- 8 for videos and all the other kinds of stuff, and it's
- 9 not laid out here. I have to ask questions to first
- 10 find out why it's being done the way it is. That to me
- 11 doesn't seem to be a comfortable way for me to cast my
- 12 vote.
- 13 MEMBER JONES: I'm not questioning --
- 14 MEMBER EATON: And if you guys want to go
- 15 and do the Board member next week and try to shove it
- down my throat and wait, I'm happy to do that, but I'm
- 17 telling you right now, what I have I figure I got to do
- 18 what I need to do for the taxpayer.
- 19 MEMBER JONES: Well, it's good that one of
- 20 us is going to deal --
- 21 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Absolutely.
- 22 MEMBER JONES: -- with the taxpayers. We're
- 23 having the discussion -- we all got notified there was
- 24 going to be another Board member. I think the fact
- 25 that we're having the discussion in trying to get the
- thing resolved should give you a comfort level.

- 1 MEMBER EATON: I'll have a comfort level
- 2 once I get the information.
- 3
 MEMBER JONES: And all I want to ask is,
- 4 when I asked on the 550,000 how much of it would be --
- 5 I said grants. It was the wrong word -- local money
- 6 the answer was about 400 --
- 7 MR. LEVENSON: 80 to 90 percent of it.
- 8 MEMBER JONES: Yeah, 80 to 90 percent.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: Don't you think that should
- 10 have been in this contract concept, that information?
- 11 MEMBER JONES: That's why I asked the
- 12 question.
- 13 MEMBER EATON: Right.
- 14 MEMBER JONES: 'Cause I didn't see it.
- 15 MEMBER EATON: And maybe I'm missing it.
- MEMBER JONES: No. I had to ask the
- 17 question, because I was confused, too, but the answer I
- 18 got was 90 percent. So \$450,000 about.
- 19 What I would like to know is, if we -- and
- 20 I'm trying to get some resolutions so we don't have to
- 21 wait till next week --
- 22 MEMBER EATON: Why don't we spend \$1 million
- 23 from the RMDZ fund and then commit in another three
- 24 months will spend another million dollars and then
- 25 we'll see what we need to do with priorities for the
- other \$2 million that we have up to three years to

- encumber, because that's really the key question here.
- 2 That's really the baseline question that we have. Now,
- 3 staff may differ and you may differ, but I think at
- 4 least that, assuming worse case scenario, this may be
- 5 the only money we get.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: Understood. But we've got a
- 7 mandated date of the year 2000 to get cities and
- 8 counties to 50 percent, and unfortunately that's two
- 9 years before the expenditure provisions run out, so
- 10 that's all I'm trying to get to. I could care --
- 11 MEMBER EATON: And I don't think a video
- 12 being passed around is going to help get you there with
- 13 all the videos we have, because people tell me they go
- 14 to public meetings and show them. No one stays for
- 15 those. Let's just figure out an effective way to do
- 16 it.
- 17 MEMBER JONES: You're not going to get an
- 18 argument from me on that.
- 19 MEMBER EATON: Let's go and hand out blades
- 20 on the corner. Let's just get people doing what they
- 21 should be doing.
- 22 MEMBER JONES: And how do we do that?
- 23 MEMBER EATON: That's what I'm asking.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: I thought the grass cycling
- 25 thing was -- you know, the 550 kind of blew me away.
- 26 That's why I asked how much on the grants. I mean, we

- 1 don't need another -- maybe we do need one more
- 2 video -- on how to cut your lawn without a bag, but
- 3 what we have to do is get the message out. The 450,000
- 4 that would be allocated to that was, in my mind, a way
- 5 to get that message out, not the distribution of videos
- 6 as much as events that can do it, similar to my
- 7 favorite project, which is linking this Board to the
- 8 American Recycles Day events.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: You don't want to go there.
- 10 MEMBER JONES: Well, you're just mad you
- 11 didn't get to carry the flag. I screwed that up, but
- 12 they -- you know --
- 13 MR. LEVENSON: We're in a little bit of a
- 14 catch 22, because I would review the video as a tool,
- one of many tools, but the tools at the local
- 16 jurisdictions --
- 17 MEMBER EATON: But you're going to a video,
- 18 and you're going to go into Southern California where
- 19 you really can't put the video on the media market.
- 20 MR. LEVENSON: The video isn't for
- 21 necessarily the media market unless it's a PSA or a
- 22 video news release. The video is for distribution
- 23 through Blockbuster and the other kinds of video
- 24 stores.
- 25 MEMBER EATON: Have we done those in the
- 26 past?

- 1 MR. LEVENSON: We've done a little of that.
- 2 MEMBER EATON: Okay. And what have the
- 3 results been? What kind of overview have we had to
- 4 find out how many people have taken them off the shelf?
- 5 To see if it's really an effective way for
- 6 distribution.
- 7 MR. LEVENSON: We've just actually talked to
- 8 the video stores about that, and there is an interest.
- 9 We don't have any data on that.
- 10 MEMBER EATON: But you've just got done
- 11 saying, "We've done it in the past."
- 12 MR. LEVENSON: I meant that we had talked to
- 13 video stores in the past. I corrected myself.
- 14 But the video is just one tool that would be
- 15 available to the local jurisdictions. The issue of,
- 16 for example, blades or whatever, that is a possibility,
- 17 but that has to be decided upon by the participating
- 18 jurisdictions, and unless we know that we're going to
- 19 be able to help fund their activities, we don't have
- 20 any carrot for them to start planning those activities.
- 21 So we're in a little bit of a back door. We can't ask
- 22 them to plan those out if we don't know that there's
- 23 funds potentially available.
- 24 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, the other way
- 25 that we can do this, Mr. Eaton, is if you want to do
- 26 \$1 million a year, then we'd need to go through the

- 1 entire thing here and pick out our million dollars.
- 2 MEMBER EATON: I think what we do is we
- 3 allocate up to a million dollars, or it could be, you
- 4 know, 1 million 2, depending upon the project, and then
- 5 see and, you know --
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: But we can't -- we
- 7 can't do that by just looking at the --
- 8 MEMBER EATON: I Agree. You have to look at
- 9 all of them. I agree 100 percent with you, and you
- 10 look and say, "Okay, which one of those are absolutely
- 11 essential? Which ones need to be scaled back?
- 12 Perhaps, which ones should be increased?"
- 13 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: But we've got to
- 14 stay -- you want to stay within \$1 million, or
- 15 thereabouts.
- 16 MEMBER EATON: 1.5. Somewhere in there. I
- 17 think it's called a prudent reserve.
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, I certainly
- 19 believe in prudent reserve.
- 20 MEMBER EATON: And the question is what
- 21 would have happened had we not gotten the money that we
- 22 had to go fight for? I think part of the reason why is
- 23 because I think there's a certain amount of integrity
- 24 in the word that we gave to those on the budget
- 25 subcommittee that we would use the money wisely, and I
- 26 quess I'm not convinced that going there and saying a

- 1 video that might get ready at Blockbuster or what have
- 2 you -- I mean, I'd rather take the money and say here's
- 3 what we've done. We've gone, and we're going to do
- 4 grass cycling, and in order to reach the population,
- 5 we're going to spend \$100,000 and we're going to go to
- 6 on radio and dat-da-da and get to the information.
- 7 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: How much have we spent
- 8 on this -- preparing for this video? How much have we
- 9 spent on it so far?
- 10 MR. LEVENSON: The video, so far to date,
- 11 the Board's allocated 45,700. Again, I would say the
- 12 only reason that's come forward earlier is just the
- 13 simple process -- the process and the time needed to
- 14 create a video. It's always been viewed as one tool
- 15 among many, and, again, I would reiterate that the
- 16 actual activities that would be carried out, we're
- 17 going to have to work with the regional group in order
- 18 to delineate those in more detail. We have ideas, but
- 19 it's kind of -- they're a call, 'cause the needs are
- 20 going to vary. They're call coming in and developing
- 21 an agreement subject to your approval.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, you know, I
- 23 think, Mr. Eaton, that it's sort of the same line as
- 24 Mr. Frazee, that we don't want to go to the legislature
- and say we blew off \$40,000 on a project and never
- 26 completed it either, because all of a sudden we've got

- 1 a new member that didn't like it, we just blew off this
- 2 \$40,000. We started down this path. We need to at
- 3 least complete what we have started. I'm not excited
- 4 about the video either, frankly.
- 5 MEMBER EATON: And I agreed that we would do
- 6 that. Didn't I say up to \$100,000 and that's where I
- 7 first went, and then we started getting nickled and
- 8 dimed about, well, now November's too late, and that
- 9 kind of stuff. I was already there. I made the
- 10 motion.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, except that you
- 12 made the motion that said you wanted to put it off to
- 13 November, and we can't put it off until November.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: And then I reiterated that
- 15 I'd be willing to split the difference and go in
- 16 October, that we wouldn't have to have this discussion
- 17 down in Santa Barbara.
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Why can't we discuss
- 19 this in Santa Barbara?
- 20 MEMBER JONES: Would that be the remainder?
- 21 MEMBER EATON: Not the remainder. The
- 22 450,000.
- 23 MEMBER JONES: What's the other discussion
- 24 of 100,000.
- MEMBER EATON: What's he's -- the 100,000 of
- 26 what he wanted to come back with in terms of what the

- 1 cost would be.
- 2 MR. CHANDLER: Howard, let me ask this
- 3 question. Is it even worth finishing this video if
- 4 it's only going to just then be a video isolated and
- 5 unrelated to any other part of this campaign? I
- 6 thought the video was a component of working with the
- 7 local jurisdictions. If there's no interest to look at
- 8 the larger component here with this concept, which is
- 9 what the other 450,000, I thought, was going towards,
- 10 are you recommending that we simply produce this video
- 11 and then leave it at that?
- MR. LEVENSON: I would recommend we still
- 13 pursue completion of the video, because it's still
- 14 something that we could use statewide. We just would
- 15 not have any real concerted coordinated campaign that
- 16 encompasses a variety of activities, but that video, we
- 17 can be at least distributing and making available and
- 18 trying to do some PSA's and the like off of that. And
- 19 that was the original prior to any of the RMDZ money
- 20 being contemplated. That was -- the original contract
- 21 concept was to develop a video, update the brochure,
- 22 develop other materials if it is, you know, deemed
- 23 necessary for kind of generic statewide distribution.
- 24 MEMBER EATON: And how were you going to pay
- 25 for it if the \$4 million didn't come through?
- 26 MR. LEVENSON: That was proposed for 89 IWMA

- 1 funding. It was originally proposed for 109 -- the
- 2 number's changed a little bit, but roughly \$95,000 out
- 3 of 98/99 IWMA fund. We then took out about half of
- 4 that with 97/98 year-end funds from the IWMA, so it was
- 5 originally proposed for IWMA. It was only when the
- 6 RMDZ monies became -- looked like they were going to be
- 7 available that the concept was expanded, and the
- 8 only -- the primary difference between the original
- 9 Concept Number 6 and Number 46 is the addition of the
- 10 regional campaigns.
- 11 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 13 MEMBER JONES: I have a problem with
- 14 limiting our activity today to \$1 million. I think
- 15 that if you look at the RWMA fund on the left-hand
- 16 column, we would have been dealing with \$1,361,000
- 17 months ago had we not got the \$4 million to promote
- 18 markets. That 109,000, as I remember, that was in the
- 19 last one, we pared it down. It was in exchange -- I
- 20 think maybe it was 800,000 and we tried to deal with 25
- 21 requests out of \$800,000. You know, I think that --
- 22 let's go through the list and see, and where the number
- 23 comes out, the number comes out, because there's too
- 24 many items here that are critical that we need to move
- on, and if we don't want to move on them -- you know,
- 26 if we want to listen to -- I think the union identified

- 1 \$2,912,000 that they didn't want to see us do out of
- 2 this 5 million bucks. I don't have a problem with
- 3 that. Just put it in the grants. Let's give it to
- 4 people and buy equipment. Buy products that are -- I
- 5 mean, buy the apparatuses that are going to take
- 6 recovered products and turn it into something else.
- 7 We've got to do something to move this along.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: In fact, you are
- 9 correct that we need -- while we expand it over three
- 10 years, we've got 15 months before the 2000-year
- 11 deadline, so we should be spending it up front. That's
- 12 the object is to try to get us to this 2000 goal.
- 13 MEMBER EATON: And no one disagrees with
- 14 that, but spending it wisely and the most blank for the
- 15 buck is the issue.
- 16 MEMBER JONES: Right.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: It's not a question of
- 18 spending it up front.
- 19 MEMBER JONES: I agree.
- 20 MEMBER EATON: And you've got to separate
- 21 the IWMA from the RMDZ, because one is much more time
- 22 sensitive than the other. So let's go through the
- 23 IWMA, which seems to be the most urgent that has to be
- 24 encumbered immediately, based upon my previous
- 25 question, and see if we can't work through it that way,
- 26 since my original offer on the other four were

- 1 rejected.
- 2 MEMBER JONES: Your first motion was
- 3 Item 43, Item 44 --
- 4 MEMBER EATON: It was just like Mr. --
- 5 MEMBER JONES: -- Item 45, and 100,000 of
- 6 46?
- 7 MEMBER EATON: Correct.
- 8 MEMBER JONES: 100,000 has to come back, or
- 9 that's it? So we're allocating 100,000 from the
- 10 outset --
- 11 MEMBER EATON: Right. And then they come
- 12 back with --
- 13 MEMBER JONES: With a scope at some point
- 14 when the rate is better.
- 15 MEMBER EATON: -- with the 450 of --
- MEMBER JONES: I don't care about the 450.
- 17 What I'm saying is, we draw a line through 550 and we
- 18 say 100,000; right? Right now?
- 19 MEMBER EATON: Correct.
- 20 MEMBER JONES: If they want to come forward
- 21 with another item at some point, they come forward with
- 22 another item.
- 23 MEMBER EATON: Right.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: All right.
- 25 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: You want to make that
- 26 as a motion?

- 1 MEMBER JONES: Yeah, I'll -- it's already a
- 2 motion. I'll second it.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: We had a motion, but
- 4 we didn't have a second.
- 5 MEMBER JONES: Okay. I'll second that.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: You've got -- it died
- 7 because of a lack of a second. We can't hold it over
- 8 forever.
- 9 Restate the motion.
- 10 MEMBER EATON: I would propose that we move
- 11 under Contract Concepts Item Number 43, 44, 45 at the
- 12 recommended levels, and with regard to Item Number --
- 13 or Contract Concept Number 46 that that item be reduced
- 14 to 550,000 to 100,000.
- 15 MEMBER JONES: I'll second.
- 16 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: All right. If there's
- 17 no further discussion, will the secretary call the
- 18 roll.
- 19 THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 20 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 21 THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- 22 MEMBER FRAZEE: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 26 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.

- 1 Okay.
- 2 Let's move.
- 3
 MEMBER JONES: Does this -- oh, look, she's
- 4 raising her hand.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: We're going to move on
- 6 to the next --
- 7 THE SECRETARY: Paper break.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Oh, I'm sorry. Let's
- 9 take five minutes.
- 10 (Break taken.)
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay.
- 12 Let's come back here. Let's see if we can
- 13 get some business done.
- 14 Let's go to construction and demolition.
- MR. FRAZEE: Mr. Chairman?
- 16 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 17 MEMBER FRAZEE: Part of that original group
- 18 was Items 9 and 10 dealing with compost also, and those
- 19 are IWMA funded. Do we want to dispose of those?
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: We can, sure. If you
- 21 want --
- 22 MEMBER FRAZEE: Since it was part of that
- 23 group that was addressed earlier.
- 24 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Sure. Anything we can
- get done, let's get done.
- MR. FRAZEE: So I would move approval under

- 1 facility compliance, Items 9 and 10.
- 2 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. I'll second
- 3 that.
- 4 Any discussion on that?
- 5 MEMBER JONES: I have a little bit of
- 6 discussion on that. I don't -- if the staff is out
- 7 there -- some of the -- some of the issues that were
- 8 brought up -- when contract concepts originally came up
- 9 and we talked about that we needed more information so
- 10 that we had an idea how we were going to coordinate
- 11 those things, the problem is -- what you have to
- 12 understand is, it's an issue that you guys live with
- 13 every day. It's an issue that is part of your -- part
- 14 of the work that you do every day. So what is normal
- 15 to you and what seems to be completely obvious to you,
- 16 may not -- and this goes to all the concepts -- may not
- 17 be as obvious to us. Okay? So without talking to us
- 18 like we're five-year olds, talk to us like we don't
- 19 understand exactly what the concept is and what it's
- 20 going to achieve and what the end result will be so
- 21 that we have a better opportunity to spend these
- 22 dollars in a way that we have a comfort level.
- 23 Is that a reasonable request on all of these
- 24 contract concepts? Because we are at a disadvantage.
- 25 We don't work with the 40 or 50 items here every day,
- 26 and you guys do, and I know I need some help on an

- 1 awful lot of these things to try to figure out what the
- 2 value is. So, you know, I would just assume that you
- 3 guys keep that in mind when you're explaining this to
- 4 us. It would make life easier. It will probably get
- 5 things passed or declined.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Did you have a
- 7 question for staff?
- 8 MEMBER JONES: The odor issues that we
- 9 talked about before, we're going to come up with
- 10 standards; we're going to look at feedstocks and what
- 11 their impacts are going to be on odors; we're going to
- 12 look at surrounding areas and things like that;
- 13 correct?
- 14 MS. HAPPERSBERGER: Yes. We'll be looking
- 15 at the entirety of the facility.
- 16 MEMBER JONES: On the health and safety
- 17 issues, looking as aspergillus, looking at those types
- 18 of airborne matter that could cause health problems to
- 19 only the workers but the people that would be in the
- 20 vicinity and could be transported either by airstreams
- 21 behind trucks or just airborne particulates when you
- 22 turn a compost pile, you don't look at what is -- what
- 23 I'm hoping for here is that you're going to look at
- 24 what is the odds, or what is the likelihood that these
- 25 facilities could cause health and safety problems to
- 26 the people that are working there as well as the people

- 1 that surround the area.
- 2 MS. HAPPERSBERGER: Correct. It would be to
- 3 measure emissions from composting facilities,
- 4 specifically to airborne bioaerosols.
- 5 MEMBER JONES: At the end of that, are we
- 6 going to know that a finished product, while there may
- 7 be certain emissions that are on site when you're doing
- 8 the project, when you're actually composting the
- 9 material, do they still exist when you have a finished
- 10 product? Is the placement of a finished compost
- 11 product on the land a transporter of those types of
- 12 issues -- those types of concerns that we may have?
- MS. KIHARA: So you're asking, does a
- 14 finished product emit bioaerosols?
- 15 MEMBER JONES: Right. Would that be part of
- 16 your study?
- 17 MS. KIHARA: The main intent of the study is
- 18 to look at what's coming from all areas of a composting
- 19 facility for bioaerosols, and you're right, to look at
- 20 worker exposure and more to look at community exposure.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: Okay. And can we include in
- 22 this concept what that material's likelihood of still
- 23 having some of those emissions, if, in fact, there are
- 24 any, in the finished product? Could that be part of
- 25 it? Because that would help us on Item Number 44,
- 26 which talks about the quality of these materials,

- 1 right, and that's market.
- 2 MS. KIHARA: To do some measurements to see
- 3 if compost is laying there, how much bioaerosols might
- 4 be emitted from the composting -- give you some data --
- 5 MEMBER JONES: Right. If a farmer's using
- 6 it or things like that.
- 7 MS. HAPPERSBERGER: Sure. We probably could
- 8 do that.
- 9 MEMBER JONES: Good.
- 10 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay?
- 11 MEMBER JONES: Thank you for that time. I
- 12 know there's a motion.
- 13 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Any other discussion
- 14 on Items Number 9 and 10 under facility compliance? If
- 15 not, will the secretary call the roll.
- 16 THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 18 THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- 19 MEMBER FRAZEE: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 22 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.
- Now we'll go to construction and demolition.
- MS. TRGOVICH: Do I want to start? I'm not
- 26 sure.

- 1 I'm going to give you a very brief
- 2 overview -- I'm Caren Trgovich with the Waste
- 3 Prevention Market Development Division -- of the
- 4 construction and demolition debris action plan and then
- 5 how it feeds into the contract concepts for fiscal year
- 6 98/99.
- 7 Just very briefly, one of the reasons why we
- 8 focused on construction and demolition debris is
- 9 because as we look at the entire waste stream here in
- 10 the state, based upon the initial data back in 1990 and
- 11 subsequent data, we found that C&D debris could
- 12 comprise approximately 28 percent of the waste stream.
- 13 This compares nationally to where we see approximately
- 14 anywhere from 20 to 30 percent of the waste streams
- 15 being comprised of construction and demolition debris.
- 16 Of construction and demolition debris waste by weight,
- 17 what -- you can see the components broken out in the
- 18 pie chart an the screen, and you can see that there are
- 19 some significant elements up there. Wood at
- 20 42 percent, drywall at 26 percent, masonry at
- 21 11 percent.
- What we as a team intended to focus on and
- 23 what the action plan focuses on are several components.
- 24 They focus on the wood debris, which is approximately
- 25 2.8 million tons per year if you translate that out,
- and we focus on the broader category of inerts and you

- 1 can look at your drywall, your masonry, your metals and
- 2 other components as comprising that inert element.
- 3 The action plan as well then looked at what
- 4 types of clients or customers do we want to look at to
- 5 be able to deliver our message, and we're focusing on
- 6 the large contractors and developers as well as on the
- 7 collection end. The vision of the team in the plan is
- 8 to develop and implement a plan that will identify
- 9 expected outcomes to result in significant improvement
- 10 in the diversion and management of C&D materials.
- 11 That's what we want to achieve in the end.
- 12 To get there we have two goals. The first
- 13 goal is to achieve the significant increase in
- 14 construction and demolition debris collected on and off
- 15 site and sent to an end use market. We call this our
- 16 more regional goal. What we want to focus on here is
- 17 how do we locally increase on site job site separation
- 18 of these materials to be able to more effectively move
- 19 them into the marketplace?
- 20 And Goal 2 is to achieve a significant
- 21 increase in the use of resource efficient building
- 22 design and techniques and the use of recycled content
- 23 products. This is the backend. This is the demand
- 24 side of the equation, and it says, if we're going to
- 25 move all these materials out of the waste stream, we're
- 26 going to take the time and spend the money to collect

- 1 them and reduce the contaminants in them so that they
- 2 can be effectively used as feedstock for new products.
- 3 We have to buy that feedstock on the backend.
- 4 The outcome of Goal 1, which is our more
- 5 regional goal initially was to develop two regional
- 6 action plans, and I'll briefly discuss those. What we
- 7 want to see here are two regions in the state
- 8 identified that will work with us on employing specific
- 9 practices, looking at on site job site separation
- 10 techniques, looking at other things that can be done to
- 11 move this material into the marketplace, and then to
- 12 take that information and move it out statewide. We
- 13 have a team of three staff from each of the three line
- 14 program divisions that have been working on this for
- 15 about a month. They're in the process right now of
- 16 coming up with final identification of the two regions
- 17 in the state based upon factors such as how much C&D
- 18 debris do they generate? What are their construction
- 19 practices? Do we see a lot of building going on there?
- 20 And what's their diversion rate? Are they high
- 21 achievers? Are they low achievers?
- The outcome targets for Goal 2. We have
- 23 five of them, and I'll show you them on two slides.
- 24 The first one is that those professional
- 25 boards out there that regulate the people were most
- 26 interested in hearing these messages, the contractors

- 1 out there, that they accept the concept of C&D
- 2 questions and their licensing exams so that what we're
- 3 talking about here becomes incorporated into their
- 4 fundamental education.
- 5 We're going to select three to ten standards
- 6 or techniques that pose barriers. These are very
- 7 similar to let's say the use of tearoffs, asphalt
- 8 shingles from deconstruction activities and using
- 9 those, for example, as road base. There's a lot of
- 10 techniques and opportunities out there to use C&D
- 11 debris coming off job sites.
- The third target is need for local C&D
- 13 policies to be clearly stated and promoted by the
- 14 Board. What we're looking for here are potential
- 15 models, different approaches to be able to give as
- 16 examples and have the Board promote as examples down to
- 17 the local level.
- 18 Target 4 is to have a system in place to
- 19 collect and analyze recycled product content
- 20 information and to identify two target audiences.
- 21 We've got a lot of information out there right now. We
- 22 need to find a way to more effectively get it to our
- 23 target audiences. We need to to find a way to really
- 24 focus on California products as well. So we're not
- 25 just there improving the marketplace for products
- 26 produced nationally that get sold here in the state,

- 1 but we're providing a positive environment for folks to
- 2 come in and establish new businesses here.
- 3 And the fifth target is to identify
- 4 potential partnerships, and in this area we're looking
- 5 strongly at partnerships with entities such as the
- 6 Building Industry Institute where we can really focus
- 7 on our contractors, one of our main clients in this
- 8 effort, and we can focus on the end users with the
- 9 partnership, for example, with Home Depot, where they
- 10 would be working and focusing on highlighting in their
- 11 store which products are made from recycled content
- 12 products, ways to identify them, clinics to educates
- 13 the public that comes in on weekends around these
- 14 products and how to use them.
- So to move into the specific contract
- 16 concepts, and I'll direct your attention to
- 17 Attachment 2 of the item, and we'll look under the
- 18 construction and demolition debris category.
- 19 You'll see that the first concept is
- 20 Number 3, and this is technical assistance for C&D
- 21 waste. This concept directly supports Goal 1. That
- 22 was the regional goal, where we're working with two
- 23 focused regions in the state, and I'll tell you right
- 24 now that this concept is not a very specifically
- 25 targeted concept because it is intended to provide
- 26 monies to the two selected regions in the state to

- 1 develop their plans. They may need additional
- 2 assistance in focusing on a specific element of their
- 3 waste stream. They may need specific assistance in
- 4 working with targeted retailers or targeted contractors
- 5 in their area to develop the plans as well. So we're
- 6 not exactly sure, and we're beginning those discussions
- 7 with the local entities right now. This concept was
- 8 originally included in the 1997-98 list of contract
- 9 concepts, and if you'll remember, it was then directed
- 10 into the monies that would be made available for the
- 11 greening of the Cal EPA building, and it was at the end
- 12 of the fiscal year that those monies became available
- 13 to us once again, and we were not able to spend them in
- 14 that very limited amount of time at the end of the
- 15 fiscal year. So this is concept Number 3.
- Moving on to Concept Number 55 and 47, I'm
- 17 going to talk about those briefly together. Those
- 18 support Goal 2, which is our more statewide goal where
- 19 we're looking at the broader elements of getting
- 20 contractors out there to become aware of the issues,
- 21 selecting standards, et cetera. This concept, or these
- 22 two concepts supports Targets 2 and 4, which is
- 23 identifying standards and techniques that pose barriers
- 24 and overcoming them, putting the systems in place to
- 25 identify recycled content products and working with
- 26 targeted audiences to deliver the message.

- 1 Concept Number 5 specifically is a precusor
- 2 to Concept Number 47.
- 3 Concept Number 55 would set aside \$35,000 to
- 4 be made initially for an evaluation or development of a
- 5 conceptual plan for a green building technology center.
- 6 We cannot tell you exactly what the center would do,
- 7 because the point of this concept is to look at various
- 8 approaches and options for delivering technical
- 9 assistance to local jurisdictions, and the next phase,
- 10 private entities for how to get information on green
- 11 building techniques, how to effectively incorporate
- 12 them into the building specifications and design
- 13 processes. So under this concept the deliverable will
- 14 be a product with a series of options for the Board to
- 15 consider where you will be looking at different
- 16 approaches for such a center, and one of the options
- 17 may be that it's not a center at all but something else
- 18 that we may not even be thinking of here today. So
- 19 this is the precursor to Item Number 47.
- 20 Concept Number 47 would then set aside
- 21 \$500,000 for the implementation of the approach that
- 22 the Board selected as one of the options. This is a
- 23 placeholder in that sense. We don't know specifically
- 24 what the funds would be used for. That determination
- 25 would be made by you, the Board, upon presentation of
- 26 the conceptual plan developed by the contractor under

- 1 Item Number 55.
- 2 Moving on to Concept Number 48. Concept
- 3 Number 48 supports Goal 2 again, which is our more
- 4 statewide goal, and specifically it supports Target 3
- 5 looking at specific actions that the Board would take
- 6 to promote construction and demolition debris
- 7 separation on the job site. This concept would have a
- 8 contractor come in, look on a statewide basis on what's
- 9 working locally, how are local ordinances set up, how
- 10 are local conditions sep up, what are some of the
- 11 practices that they have in place that enhance or
- 12 promote on site and job site separation. That
- 13 information would then come back to the staff and we
- 14 would then develop model approaches that could then be
- 15 used by local jurisdictions around the state. We see
- on site job site separation as a principle barrier to
- 17 getting contaminant-free material into the marketplace.
- Moving on to Concept Number 49. Concept
- 19 Number 49 is a training concept, an expansion of the
- 20 existing contract that we have with the Building
- 21 Industry Institute. This would be proposed as a sole
- 22 source contract. We received approval for a sole
- 23 source in fiscal year 97/98 with this same entity
- 24 because they are the principle training arm for
- 25 contractors statewide, and they are the industry's
- 26 training institute itself.

- 1 What this concept would do would be to build
- 2 on the training program that started out at a very
- 3 modest \$10,000 level in fiscal year 97/98, and it would
- 4 add in elements pertaining to construction and
- 5 deconstruction activities so that contractors are much
- 6 more aware of techniques and how to do this right.
- 7 As a component of this contract concept, the
- 8 Building Industry Institute would also perform on-site
- 9 surveys following the trainings of the contractor
- 10 groups, where they would go out and evaluate whether or
- 11 not those contractors that had received the training
- 12 were actually putting into practice what they learned,
- 13 and they would then make recommendations for followup.
- 14 So there's a significant job site component --
- 15 follow-up component to the training element here.
- 16 Concept Number 50 is a C&D educational
- 17 campaign. I want to explain that briefly. It supports
- 18 to Goal 2, Target 1 -- actually Goal 2 Target 5. Those
- 19 two are switched. I need to make a correction up
- 20 there. Concept Number 49 supports Target 1. Concept
- 21 Number 50 supports Target 5, which is our partnership
- 22 target.
- This concept would make available
- 24 informational material that would be used through our
- 25 partnerships. Let me use that example of Home Depot
- 26 again. If they were to agree to a more extensive

- 1 partnership with us, this concept could be used to
- 2 develop in-store techniques, such as shelf toppers,
- 3 displays, informational pieces that the public when
- 4 they come through the store could see, and that could
- 5 then be used to make a decision on their part as to,
- 6 which product I'm going to buy. Am I going to purchase
- 7 the product made of recycled content, or am I going to
- 8 purchase the other product, and these materials made
- 9 available through this contract would be used to help
- 10 the public make that decision. It could be in the form
- 11 of educational materials that would be handed out,
- 12 let's say, at Saturday clinics or other types of
- 13 clinics that would be held for the public on getting
- 14 them familiar with these kind of products. So this is
- 15 a public targeted concept.
- Moving into Targets 51 and 52, these two
- 17 concepts were submitted separate from the C&D action
- 18 team. Concept Number 51 is for a green building grant
- 19 program, and this concept was proposed to provide
- 20 funding in the form of incentives to contractors or
- 21 builders to incorporate green building techniques.
- 22 What I would propose is, if this is an area that the
- 23 Board wants to look at, that you would tell us that
- 24 under Concept Number 55, which is the development of
- 25 the conceptual plan that we direct the contractor to
- 26 look at this as an option within the center as well, so

- 1 that we would first look at its effectiveness and
- 2 evaluate it, and then the Board would have the
- 3 opportunity downn the road for the \$500,000, or
- 4 whatever amount you were make available for the roll
- 5 out of the center to look at this as a component. So
- 6 that would be staff's recommendation on 51.
- 7 Concept Number 52 additionally was submitted
- 8 independently of the C&D team. This is for
- 9 deconstruction training, and this would provide
- 10 training through a specific entity that we've actually
- 11 worked with in this past -- I believe it's the building
- 12 materials people, and they're located in
- 13 Southern California. We actually applied for a grant
- 14 with them to U.S. EPA to see if we could funding for
- 15 some of their training. Since that time we developed a
- 16 closer working relationship with the II. That
- 17 relationship has developed very positively, and what we
- 18 would see is that an element of the deconstruction
- 19 training would be provided through Concept Number 49,
- 20 and that we could then evaluate at that point whether
- 21 or not it met all the needs necessary around
- 22 deconstruction training.
- 23 I'd also like to point out to the Board that
- 24 you're going to be visiting next week, I believe, the
- 25 Gildea Center, CEC, and they received a grant from
- 26 U.S. EPA which they just recently completed, and it was

- 1 the development of a video which we have previewed. It
- 2 is an 11-minute video, I believe, and it's targeted at
- 3 the small contractor, promoting specific deconstruction
- 4 techniques. So I'm sure that's something they could
- 5 also make available or we could show you as well, but
- 6 that's an example of the type of thing that we would be
- 7 looking at under the training element.
- 8 So we would recommend that the
- 9 deconstruction aspect be folded in and an element of
- 10 Concept Number 49 and be reevaluated down the road in
- 11 terms of whether we hit all of the target audiences
- 12 there.
- 13 And that concludes the concepts from the C&D
- 14 team, and I'd be happy to take any questions.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. What I'd like
- 16 to do here, since we have the one item that comes out
- 17 of the IWMA, the green building tech center conceptual
- 18 plan, Number 55, let's deal with that first.
- 19 Is there any questions on that?
- 20 MEMBER JONES: Is that enough? Is that
- 21 enough money?
- 22 MR. CHANDLER: I believe Caren's staff have
- 23 expressed that it would be nice if the scope of work
- 24 that we received for that level of funding would be
- 25 expanded so that perhaps the detailed business plan
- 26 could be more comprehensive, and we frankly had to

- 1 negotiate that back a little bit because of the budget.
- 2 On one hand, certainly, you're going to get a more
- 3 comprehensive business plan proposal and an array of
- 4 options with more in funding, but for right now, the
- 5 scope of work that was agreed upon, which was a more
- 6 modest development of the business plan, given the
- 7 budget that we have. So it's kind of like, if you want
- 8 more, we need more funding if you want to be
- 9 comfortable with just a first cut at what a business
- 10 plan would lay out. We feel this is sufficient.
- 11 MEMBER JONES: All right. That was just a
- 12 question. I'll second your motion, Mr. Chairman.
- 13 THE SECRETARY: Did you make a motion?
- 14 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, I didn't, but I
- 15 will.
- 16 MEMBER JONES: I thought you said I want to
- move.
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yeah. Anyway I moved
- 19 that we adopt Item 55, the Green Building Technical
- 20 Center Conceptual Plan. My colleague Mr. Jones
- 21 seconded it.
- 22 If there's no further discussion, will the
- 23 secretary call the roll.
- THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 25 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Frazee.

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1 MEMBER FRAZEE: Aye.
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- THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 3 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 4 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.
- 6 MS. TRGOVICH: Chairman Pennington, I want
- 7 to make sure I'm clear. That was approved. There was
- 8 a question about whether the funding level was
- 9 sufficient. Was it approved at the \$35,000?
- 10 MEMBER JONES: 35.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 35.
- MS. TRGOVICH: Okay.
- 13 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a
- 14 question?
- 15 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Mr. Jones.
- MEMBER JONES: Ms. Trgovich, on your -- oh,
- 17 which one was it -- two things. We're going to work
- 18 with the local jurisdictions to try to expand, you
- 19 know, regionally the use of C&D and collection and all
- 20 that stuff. Not a problem. We're identifying
- 21 communities that have a low diversion rates?
- 22 MS. TRGOVICH: We're looking at two things.
- 23 That was a lot of discussion in the C&D group actually
- 24 on this point. There were those that said we needed to
- 25 have one of each. A community that's doing fairly well
- 26 and, therefore, has an existing infrastructure, because

- 1 we want to be able to demonstrate success. We want to
- 2 make sure that the community there has the existing
- 3 infrastructure so that we can see some things really
- 4 happen within the next 6 to 18 months, and what we also
- 5 want to see are communties that are fairly below that
- 6 success line so that we can help them get higher. So
- 7 we're actually looking for one of each, Member Jones.
- 8 We're looking for a community that's doing fairly well,
- 9 and we're looking for a community that isn't doing so
- 10 well.
- 11 MEMBER JONES: Okay. The 500,000, it would
- 12 seem to me on that, since it is only a placeholder, and
- 13 we have three years to spend money, the placeholder's
- 14 kind of held; right? I mean, if we don't allocate the
- 15 dollars and we still have the money, we have three
- 16 years to allocate money, so the need of a placeholder
- 17 may not be quite as current today -- 'cause we thought
- 18 we only had a year to do this.
- 19 MS. TRGOVICH: Right. The one thing I would
- 20 point out, though, is where a placeholder would help
- 21 is, it would tell the contractor developing the
- 22 conceptual plan what the relative budget is that the
- 23 Board is willing to spend around options for a tech
- 24 center. So it does send a message, and you can send a
- 25 message in a number of ways.
- 26 MEMBER JONES: The C&D ordinance one where

- 1 you're talking about going into a community looking at
- 2 that and then come up with the best practices, that
- 3 one's going to take some finesse, because there are
- 4 incentives that certain cities can offer through their
- 5 planning department, through their building departments
- 6 that others may not be equipped to use. We have to be
- 7 aware of that, you know, 'cause we may be setting
- 8 standards and nobody else wants to play by them, and
- 9 then we also have to deal with areas where there is a
- 10 competitive disadvantage built into the ordinances.
- 11 You know, are we going to look at it from all those
- 12 standpoints that we don't set out criteria that could
- 13 eliminate?
- 14 MS. TRGOVICH: Initially we would not look,
- 15 and, as Howard said earlier, the scopes of work for all
- of these would be coming back to you. We would not
- 17 look to eliminate anything from the initial evaluation,
- 18 but in the end what's ultimately going to come to you
- 19 likely are certain approaches that we will be asking
- 20 for your support on as models to disseminate statewide,
- 21 and at that point there certainly will be criteria
- 22 applied.
- 23 MEMBER EATON: Let me ask this question.
- 24 With Assemblyman Bowen's bill, AB 2432, isn't it a fact
- that we're going to be writing regs?
- 26 MS. TRGOVICH: In terms of green building

- 1 practices --
- 2 MEMBER EATON: Or are you going to contract
- 3 the regs out?
- 4 MS. TRGOVICH: In terms of green building
- 5 practices, we have yet to discuss that.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: The governor hasn't
- 7 signed that bill.
- 8 MEMBER EATON: Correct, but my point is that
- 9 if we find that, we may, since it's an RMDZ FUND, until
- 10 that's decided, we may just be allocating money and
- 11 duplicating it, whereas the whole idea of getting
- 12 around the locals and stuff, we may be able to develop
- 13 a statewide kind of set of criteria that the locals
- 14 will have to follow.
- MS. TRGOVICH: The ordinances are not
- 16 targeted at green building. The concept pertaining to
- 17 ordinances Concept Number 48 is pertaining to the
- 18 collection and on site or job site separation
- 19 activities. So it's not the construction end. It's
- 20 the deconstruction end.
- 21 MEMBER EATON: Ms. Bowen's bill deals with
- 22 all of that. That's the whole point. That's what I'm
- 23 just trying to get. I'm trying to figure out not if
- 24 this is a bad idea, but is it an idea --
- 25 MEMBER JONES: Is it timely.
- 26 MEMBER EATON: Is it timely, you know.

- 1 That's all.
- 2 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: You know, we could --
- 3 is there a time crunch on that?
- 4 MS. TRGOVICH: It's a target in the plan.
- 5 Any delay would just simply move the deadlines out.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: We could move, set
- 7 aside and move it to the 6th, where we'll see what's
- 8 happened with the Bowen bill.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: Because we may very well want
- 10 to, if we're not doing the regs internally or need help
- 11 on the outside, we may want to move and shift some of
- 12 that money around to assist us with that project.
- 13 That's all.
- 14 MR. CHANDLER: The other issue that I want
- 15 to discuss with the Board is sometimes in a veto
- 16 message, the administration has been known to point out
- 17 that legislation's not needed. The Board has a
- 18 statutory authority to look into areas such as this
- 19 without legislation, so I think the question is still
- 20 germane that will be on the table is, do we want to do
- 21 work in this area with or without the signature, and if
- 22 we can do some work in this area without the signature,
- 23 to what degree, and then we start to put a work plan
- 24 together around that. So I look at this work needing
- 25 to go forward in some degree regardless.
- 26 MEMBER EATON: And it also ducktails into

- 1 working with the BII, because that's really the
- 2 essential. If you can get them to start doing some of
- 3 this stuff, even the ordinance stuff, you know, that's
- 4 kind of where the first step happens to be, I believe,
- 5 because if you can get the people who are actually
- 6 doing the work to do it in a manner because it's most
- 7 cost-effective or beneficial, then we overlay the fact
- 8 that it's the right thing to do, we may even avoid
- 9 governmental kind of tampering.
- 10 MEMBER JONES: So would 48 and 49 work
- 11 together, then? Is what you're saying? The BII and
- 12 the ordinances could be a coordinated --
- 13 MEMBER EATON: Well, one could obviously --
- 14 MEMBER JONES: -- compliment.
- 15 MEMBER EATON: Compliment the other. Or
- 16 actually be part of it.
- 17 MEMBER JONES: Just so I understand.
- MS. TRGOVICH: Those would be two
- 19 different --
- 20 MEMBER JONES: They're two different. I
- 21 just wanted to --
- MS. TRGOVICH: -- two different contract
- 23 vehicles.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: That makes sense. I just
- 25 didn't want to go down the road of making a motion and
- 26 find out it was -- I had misread something, or if

- 1 anybody here makes a motion.
- 2 MEMBER EATON: But one would be to perhaps
- 3 hold off on the Number 48 until we determine, one,
- 4 whether or not the Bowen bill, and our responsibilities
- 5 there, too, if it is signed, we have --
- 6 MR. FRAZEE: 48 or 47?
- 7 MEMBER EATON: 48, sir.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: The ordinances.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: Because under the Bowen bill,
- 10 there is a charge for all of that.
- 11 MR. FRAZEE: For construction and
- 12 demolition? I thought the Bowen bill was aimed towards
- 13 green building concepts and requiring new construction.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: It deals with recycled
- 15 content, C&D, energy. It's more comprehensive.
- 16 MEMBER FRAZEE: I just see 48 as being
- 17 something different than that.
- 18 MEMBER EATON: It's my understanding that
- 19 the City of Santa Monica is already developing a C&D
- 20 ordinance; is that correct?.
- MS. TRGOVICH: Yes, they are, and the city
- 22 of San Francisco. There's a number of entities out
- 23 there.
- 24 MEMBER EATON: Right. Maybe what we do
- 25 instead is either partnership with that or hold it back
- and see what we can't do to push them over the top.

- 1 I'm not saying that I disagree with use of it. This
- 2 question, again, Mr. Jones pointed out, is it timely at
- 3 this point?
- 4 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I think Mr. Frazee has
- 5 a --
- 6 MR. FRAZEE: Yes, a couple of comments on
- 7 these items.
- 8 First of all, in the green building
- 9 technology center, the major portion of the savings in
- 10 a green building is energy associated, rather than the
- 11 use of recycled materials, which are sort of twin
- 12 goals, and I would hope in that one that we do a
- 13 partnership with the Energy Commission because those
- 14 two go hand in hand in that regard.
- The other comment on that item, you
- 16 mentioned working with contractors. The major target
- 17 is not contractors, but architects and building
- 18 designers and interior designers. I think we learned
- 19 that lesson with the Cal EPA building. By the time you
- 20 get to the builder, time you're too late. You need to
- 21 be out front, and the emphasis ought to be on working
- 22 with the specification book publishers and all of that
- 23 and getting the architects online.
- 24 Then to change subjects a bit, on the
- 25 deconstruction training program, my favorite one, and
- 26 you suggested that that could we folded into training

- 1 expansion through BII, and I think there you have two
- 2 different target audiences altogether. The people who
- 3 do building deconstruction are not necessarily members
- 4 or participants in the building association there.
- 5 They're sort of specialty contractors who do nothing
- 6 but that and then don't building anything new, and so I
- 7 think we're perhaps missing the target.
- 8 MS. TRGOVICH: I think what we were looking
- 9 at was seeing what their -- what audience they could
- 10 potentially reach out to. Could they potentially
- 11 target an audience that's bigger than their active
- 12 association members, Number 2? And Number 3, we were
- 13 also looking at what materials currently exist such as
- 14 the video that was just recently completed by CEC and
- 15 the training that they're doing right now, which is
- 16 really focusing on the small contractor that's coming
- 17 in just to take something down. So we were kind of
- 18 looking at all three of those elements, but we'd be
- 19 happy to continue to look at that and see --
- 20 MEMBER FRAZEE: In our area, much of the
- 21 deconstruction is done by cross border workers. Even
- 22 CalTrans work is being done by illegal aliens, and I
- 23 have documented evidence on that.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: I believe you.
- 25 MEMBER EATON: I signed the form.
- 26 MR. FRAZEE: But, you know, it just seems

- 1 that there are kind of two different target areas, and
- 2 I'll let it go at that.
- 3 MEMBER EATON: Well, you're right,
- 4 Mr. Frazee, because ironically in New Mexico in one of
- 5 the presentations, it should come as no surprise to
- 6 you, but one of the main features of one of the films
- 7 that was used by one of the governmental agencies was
- 8 the fact that Turner Construction was the leader in
- 9 green building construction. They are the same
- 10 builders who are building Cal EPA.
- 11 MR. FRAZEE: Oh, really.
- 12 MEMBER EATON: I thought it was a little
- 13 ironic.
- MR. CHANDLER: Again, I think it gets to
- 15 Bob's point. They have always maintained if it had
- 16 been architecturally designed. Look at the building.
- 17 We'd build it for you, but you never put the budget or
- 18 the concepts before us, so we're building what we've
- 19 asked to be built.
- 20 MEMBER EATON: I agree.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: So tell me what item that is
- 22 and where we have to put the money. I mean, if we get
- 23 it to the architects --
- MS. TRGOVICH: That would be the technology
- 25 center.
- 26 MR. FRAZEE: The center or the program

- 1 itself?
- 2 MEMBER JONES: The center or the program?
- MS. TRGOVICH: The program, I'm sorry. But
- 4 remember the program is dependent upon the option that
- 5 you select under Item 55.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: The tech center is the
- 7 concept; right?
- 8 MS. TRGOVICH: Right. That's the concept.
- 9 That will bring forward options.
- 10 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: So that's where we've
- 11 got to make the decision is to working with the
- 12 architects and planners. It's there, and then they'll
- implement that through the technical program.
- 14 MEMBER JONES: Okay. The educational
- 15 campaign that is geared to shelf talkers and whatever,
- 16 how could we spend that money in a way that the people
- 17 that actually do it, you know, do the work, have a
- 18 benefit in doing it, you know. I mean maybe it pushes
- 19 them over the edge. Shelf talkers and educational
- 20 programs are wonderful things, but, you know, our
- 21 issues aren't on top of the page anymore. They're a
- 22 little bit different. So, you know, we keep throwing
- 23 information out and telling people how to do stuff, but
- 24 if they don't have a need or a desire, then, you know,
- 25 what's the impact of the -- of that project? And I
- 26 think just, you know, putting educational material out

- 1 at stores, whether it's Home Depot or whoever, is a
- 2 good way to spend \$200,000 if you have an extra
- 3 \$200,000 to spend, but I don't know what the effect is.
- 4 Are we hoping that we trigger in people's minds, this
- 5 is a potential? You know, I just don't -- I think the
- 6 intent is good. I'm just wondering about the outcome
- 7 that we think we're going to get.
- 8 MS. TRGOVICH: The outcome would really be
- 9 dependent upon the partnership. This concept, Concept
- 10 Number 50, is direct support for the partnerships,
- 11 which are Target 5 of the C&D action plan. So
- 12 depending upon what specific partnerships we enter
- 13 into, and we currently have a very active partnership
- 14 with the Building Industry Institute. We have a very
- 15 good developmental partnership right now with the
- 16 Contractors Licensing Board, and we're looking to get
- 17 partners in the private sector. That partnership and
- 18 their commitment in that partnership will then drive
- 19 what this concept would provide.
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Certainly, if you
- 21 could get questions of this type on the contractor's
- 22 licensing exam, it will certainly make them focus on
- 23 it.
- MS. TRGOVICH: This may develop a module to
- 25 that exam. That's a potential.
- 26 MEMBER JONES: I just wanted to get it

- 1 clarified.
- 2 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay.
- 3 MEMBER EATON: With regard to the
- 4 educational campaign, are we not kind of putting, you
- 5 know, the cart before the horse since we have all of
- 6 these other projects that are in this category going
- 7 forward that may give us additional information that
- 8 would be probably at that point much more clearly
- 9 defined and probably perhaps beneficial, so that before
- 10 the educational goes to buy education materials, we
- 11 will at least done our homework.
- 12 MS. TRGOVICH: I think you're absolutely
- 13 right, and these other concepts and our other program
- 14 activities are going to provide us with additional
- 15 information. That's why this concept does not propose
- 16 very specific outcomes. It is really going to be
- 17 driven -- the use of this contract, if it's put in
- 18 place, will be driven by the partnerships, and the
- 19 partnerships will look at, what are we currently doing?
- 20 What information's currently available? There may be
- 21 certain partnerships that require no additional
- 22 campaign support. There may be some that rely on it
- 23 heavily. This is to put kind of -- I hate to say it,
- 24 but put our money where our mouth is. If we're going
- 25 to ask these folks to promote these products to the
- 26 consumers coming through their retail stores, it's

- 1 saying, "And we're going to be here to support you.
- 2 We're going to be behind you, and we'll provide you
- 3 with the information, what you need to reach your
- 4 customers."
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay.
- 6 MEMBER EATON: Let me just ask a couple
- questions, because I did hear Ms. Harris speak in
- 8 New Mexico. She was willing to give her book away, and
- 9 so that would probably be the database, would it not?
- 10 MS. TRGOVICH: Of the Harris database? We
- 11 have the Harris database. We pay for the Harris
- 12 database, and we have it online. Anyone can access
- 13 it --
- 14 MEMBER EATON: She was good. I should I
- 15 have picked it up for you.
- MS. TRGOVICH: -- on our net site.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: But one of the things is why
- 18 would we do a California only when it's so limited in
- 19 terms of -- it seems like the cost of 40,000 develops
- 20 something, where couldn't we just extrapolate from some
- 21 other sources?
- 22 MS. TRGOVICH: We currently make the Harris
- 23 database and the recyle content database available
- 24 online through our net site. What we found, and the
- 25 complaints that we've received, is that those are
- 26 essentially East Coast based databases, that's where

- 1 they're developed from, they're very few California
- 2 vendors, so it's not to exclude those databases. We
- 3 make those available. It's to add to them. It's to
- 4 fill the gap of the California vendors, which is where
- 5 we are.
- 6 MEMBER EATON: Vendors or manufacturers.
- 7 MS. TRGOVICH: Manufacturers. I'm sorry.
- 8 Wrong term.
- 9 MEMBER JONES: I don't want to take a stab
- 10 at it. I don't have a clue.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Sure. I will.
- 12 I'll move that we adopt Item Concept
- 13 Number 3, the technical assistance for C&D waste, move
- 14 Number 47, the green building tech program, 49 the
- 15 training expansion through BII, and 50, the C&D
- 16 educational program, and that we move the C&D ordinance
- 17 to the October 6th meeting.
- 18 MEMBER FRAZEE: I have a question on --
- 19 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Sure.
- 20 MR. FRAZEE: -- that. You indicated
- 21 Item 47 and not 55, and it seems like 55 is a precursor
- 22 to --
- 23 MEMBER JONES: We did it.
- MS. TRGOVICH: 55 was approved just a short
- while ago.
- 26 MEMBER FRAZEE: Oh, sure. Okay. I'm sorry.

- 1 I checked it, too.
- 2 MEMBER EATON: But --
- 3 MEMBER FRAZEE: I'll second that.
- 4 MEMBER EATON: I believe that 47 follows
- 5 from 55, because there's going to be a business plan
- 6 developed out of 55, and do we not wait until that
- 7 business plan is developed? You know, I posed the
- 8 question in terms of, you know, 'cause it is kind of a
- 9 placeholder. There's a lot of placeholders everywhere.
- 10 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: What does that do to
- 11 you if we --
- MS. TRGOVICH: It doesn't do anything
- 13 currently, because we would not proceed with Concept
- 14 Number 47 until you approved an approach that would be
- 15 the output of Concept 55. The question is just for
- 16 purposes of the development of the plan and anyone who
- 17 is interested in the various options is to know the
- 18 Board's level of commitment to the center.
- 19 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: So I quess the
- 20 question then becomes whether we approve the money now
- 21 and set it aside, or we sort of set it aside and
- 22 approve it later. I think that's what we're doing. I
- 23 don't know.
- 24 MEMBER EATON: It wouldn't make any
- 25 difference, yeah.
- 26 MR. CHANDLER: When we scoped this out, the

- 1 conceptual plan, business plan concept, obviously the
- 2 next question we got was, at what level would the Board
- 3 be willing to consider. And the only reason we have
- 4 500,000 is, my example was, our work with the Southern
- 5 California Technical Resource Center on RACK, and we've
- 6 contributed 500,000, I think, in two fiscal years for
- 7 that. So in our discussions we simply said, the only
- 8 model that I can draw from is that the Board's been
- 9 willing to put that level of interest in rubberized
- 10 asphalt tech centers. Consider that a potential
- 11 budgetary area level that we might be willing to come
- 12 back with, but I agree. We have no -- at this time, no
- 13 proposal in front of you to tell you what level of
- 14 funding this should be. I just would like to know that
- 15 we haven't spent all the money and then we come back
- 16 with a business plan and we have no -- and I think
- 17 Mr. Frazee's example, or request -- I don't know if it
- 18 was request, but interest in the deconstruction
- 19 training program, which is not -- well, I guess that's
- 20 still to -- which is not part of the executive staff
- 21 recommendation, but an RMDZ request would be something
- 22 in order make sure we didn't lose in that. And I guess
- 23 what I'm saying is we want to make sure that those
- 24 concepts are included in anything that the business
- 25 plan puts forward and at least considers as part of its
- 26 original scope.

- 1 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I thought 49, though,
- 2 included some deconstruction.
- 3 MS. TRGOVICH: 49, we are proposing that it
- 4 would look at deconstruction as an element.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Right.
- 6 MS. TRGOVICH: But Member Frazee is focusing
- 7 on an audience that may not necessarily be served by
- 8 BII's membership.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, I think he's
- 10 right about that.
- 11 MEMBER JONES: Include the item.
- 12 MEMBER EATON: Mr. Chair, I would agree with
- 13 you. Why don't we set the money aside that shows our
- 14 level of commitment. In other words, it would be
- 15 earmarked as a placeholder, because it's going to come
- 16 back as to how we spend it, if I hear Caren and Ralph
- 17 say, and I think that probably in terms of what we're
- 18 going to do in terms of market development, this is the
- 19 one fertile ground we have that's actually going to
- 20 arise, because that's really sort of the in vogue kind
- 21 of way that everyone's kind of going as you look
- 22 around. Not only California, but for the country, and
- 23 the debate is really taking over all the cities. So if
- 24 we do that, at least we know in the future if something
- 25 comes back, at least we've got that money there and
- 26 it's probably a question then how best to spend it

- 1 within those confines as opposed to maybe we will spend
- 2 it in those confines, I think was your point; correct?
- 3 MR. CHANDLER: Yeah.
- 4 MEMBER JONES: Deal with it on the scope
- 5 then?
- 6 MEMBER EATON: Correct. That's what I'm
- 7 saying. Right?
- 8 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yeah. If we included
- 9 52, which is 100,000, do we have to look for 100,000 or
- 10 do we have some surplus? I need to look at that.
- 11 MS. TRGOVICH: You would need to look. It's
- 12 not included in the recommendation, but there was a
- 13 reserve.
- MS. FISH: Yeah, there is a reserve --
- MEMBER JONES: 450,000 up in grass cycling.
- MS. FISH: Well, you also have another
- 17 300,000 that there wasn't --
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: All right. Then I'm
- 19 going to include -- I'm going to amend my motion and
- 20 include 52 in that, 'cause I think you're absolutely
- 21 right, that there are those specialists that are
- 22 deconstruction type people.
- 23 MEMBER JONES: I agree.
- 24 Can you restate your motion?
- 25 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Restate my motion.
- 26 Okay.

- 1 I'm moving that we adopt Concept Number 3,
- 2 Concept Number 47, Concept 49, 50 and 52, and that we
- 3 move Concept 48, the C&D ordinances, to the October 6th
- 4 meeting so we can see what the outcome of the Bowen
- 5 bill is.
- 6 MEMBER EATON: And what was on 51?
- 7 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I did not include 51.
- 8 MEMBER EATON: I'm just making it clear.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I did not include 51.
- 10 MR. FRAZEE: Okay. I will second it.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. It's been moved
- 12 and seconded. Any further discussion?
- 13 MEMBER JONES: No. I think it's clear that
- on 47 that doesn't move anywhere till after 55.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Correct.
- 16 MEMBER JONES: I know. I just like hearing
- 17 myself.
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Will the secretary
- 19 call the roll.
- THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 21 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- 23 MEMBER FRAZEE: Aye.
- 24 THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 26 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.

- 1 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.
- We'll move to facility --
- 3 MEMBER JONES: Are we having lunch today?
- 4 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I don't know. Maybe
- 5 it's better to get you all working while you're hungry.
- 6 Let's see if we can at least get through
- 7 this item anyway.
- 8 MEMBER JONES: Facility complaints?
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yeah.
- 10 MEMBER JONES: I don't have a problem with
- 11 that.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Number 11 and 12.
- 13 MEMBER JONES: That's right. We did --
- 14 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: We did 9 and 10
- 15 already.
- 16 MEMBER JONES: Yeah.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Those are IMA Stuff.
- MR. FUJII: Good morning, I'm Bob Fujii.
- 19 Permanent enforcement division.
- 20 We're going to do a little bit of a rundown
- 21 on both the 11 and 12. I'm going to let Darryl Petker
- 22 talk about Item 11, which is alternate covers
- 23 assessment program. Then I'll go ahead and give the
- 24 laboratory services one myself.
- 25 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay.
- MR. PETKER: Good morning, Board members.

- 1 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Identify yourself,
- 2 Darryl.
- 3 MR. PETKER: Oh, I'm sorry. Darryl Petker.
- 4 I work in the permitting enforcement division.
- 5 I proposed this concept so that we could
- 6 integrate our development of landfill closure ideas and
- 7 research with some others both in Nevada, Utah, some
- 8 other states. The concept has grown even since I've
- 9 done this, and maybe a little background here would be
- 10 a good idea.
- 11 As recently as three and four years ago,
- 12 numerous consultants started a concerted effort to
- 13 develop alternative covers in an effort to save
- 14 operators money and closing landfills in a safe manner
- 15 that we do. That's developed over time, but the
- 16 development has been sporadic with different
- 17 consultants and different operators doing a little bit
- 18 different things, proposing different parameters for
- 19 their data collection. We saw that developing, tried
- 20 to work with them. The Desert Research Institute then
- 21 proposed a national plan, or a southwest plan for the
- 22 United States for these. They talked to us. I liked
- 23 the idea. That idea has grown into a federal plan with
- 24 the EPA, the Department of Energy, the Department of
- 25 Defense. After talking with them, we need to be -- I
- 26 think we need to be onboard. To do that, we need to

- 1 buy into the board of directors to participate in the
- 2 information and make sure that the information that
- 3 they develop could be correlated to the information
- 4 that we already have and developed. So to be able to
- 5 do that, we need to be part of that program, and that's
- 6 what this money should get us.
- 7 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Questions?
- 8 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 10 MEMBER JONES: This is one of the items that
- 11 I also have been endorsing, because it is a way to help
- 12 minimize some closure. It also gives us the ability to
- 13 add stability to closure sites, because depending upon
- 14 rainfalls, you can go with deeper rooting plants and
- 15 trees and vegetation that you normally wouldn't have
- 16 been able to go to when you went to just a synthetic
- 17 cover and then a little bit of clay. So my only
- 18 question, or something I want to know, if this study is
- 19 going to help us determine while we're going forth with
- 20 monolithic covers, do they look at the gas situation?
- 21 Because, you know, when we're talking about extraction
- of methane gas, it becomes a lot easier when it's
- 23 entombed -- when it's a bag inside of a bag.
- MR. PETKER: Correct.
- 25 MEMBER JONES: When we eliminate the bag,
- 26 does it give it -- are we able to recover that gas? Is 380

- 1 that a side effect that we maybe lose some gas
- 2 efficiency collection if we go to this kind of cover,
- 3 and I just hope that that is part of the study.
- 4 MR. PETKER: Right. That is part of the
- 5 things that I wanted to get involved in the study.
- 6 That is some of the things that we do look at locally,
- 7 and I think should be looked at nationally.
- 8 MEMBER JONES: Right.
- 9 MR. PETKER: One other thing that I didn't
- 10 comment on is that it's starting to look like this is a
- 11 great cost savings as far as closure goes also. We had
- 12 one operator tell me that if the test pad that he built
- 13 continues and does work out, that he'll save up to
- 14 \$20,000 an acre on his closure cost, which could save
- 15 him millions of dollars.
- MEMBER JONES: Well, that's huge.
- We got one more; right?
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yeah.
- MR. PETKER: Is that it?
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: That's it.
- 21 MR. PETKER: Thank you.
- MR. FUJII: Okay. In the laboratory
- 23 services contract, it's a contract that's going to be
- 24 used by both permanent enforcement and also waste
- 25 prevention and market development divisions. And for
- the permanent enforcement end of it, what we're going

- 1 to be using it for is for doing -- providing laboratory
- 2 services for the Board when we're acting as the
- 3 enforcement agency or providing technical support for
- 4 the local enforcement agencies when we have situations
- 5 where sampling is needed to either get compliance from
- 6 an operator or owner of a particular site, whether it
- 7 be a landfill or a CIA type site.
- 8 The sampling probably would include things
- 9 like soil gas, ambient air sampling, leachate gas
- 10 condensate, flue gas, soil water, waste water, so on
- 11 and so on. The idea behind this is that when we're
- 12 working with our local enforcement agencies in trying
- 13 to get compliance from the operators, we can go ahead
- 14 and either provide the services, either take the
- 15 samples ourselves, to either verify sampling that's
- 16 being done by the operators, or take samples in
- 17 preparation for taking some kind of enforcement
- 18 actions, to document that enforcement action is indeed
- 19 necessary.
- 20 The second half of it, the markets division,
- 21 dealing with, would do things like insure performance
- 22 of recycled content products by providing quality
- 23 assurance testing, and then also to ensure continued
- 24 availability of newsprint testing.
- 25 And I think probably one of the markets folk
- 26 could speak a little bit more to that if you had some

- 1 questions about that, but I'd be happy to answer any
- 2 questions about the P&E part of it right now.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Questions on that one?
- 4 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman?
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: I'd like to make a motion
- 7 that we adopt out of the IWMA fund Concepts Number 11
- 8 and 12 for 15,000 and for 50,566.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. I'll second
- 10 that.
- 11 If there's no further discussion, will the
- 12 secretary call the roll.
- THE SECRETARY: Board member Eaton.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- MEMBER FRAZEE: Aye.
- 17 THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 19 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Okay.
- 21 All right. Do you all think we've earned a
- 22 lunch break? Okay. We'll break until 2:00 o'clock.

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- 2 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. Let's come back
- 3 to order here.
- The last place we were, we finished with
- 5 Item 12. Next is local government diversion and
- 6 assistance.
- 7 Let me do a little housekeeping. I forgot
- 8 to ask this morning if anybody had any ex partes. Does
- 9 anybody have any ex partes this afternoon, or this
- 10 morning, but we forgot. No?
- 11 Of course, if anybody wants to speak that's
- 12 not part of the staff, you can get a speaker slip from
- 13 the table back there. I don't see anybody that I don't
- 14 know. Okay.
- 15 Local government diversion of assistance.
- 16 Judy Friedman.
- MS. FRIEDMAN: Yes. Good afternoon,
- 18 Chairman Pennington and Board members. For the record
- 19 I'm Judy Friedman, and I'm the team leader of the local
- 20 government diversion assistance team and the deputy
- 21 director for the diversion planning and local
- 22 assistance division.
- We're going to present the contract concepts
- 24 that support the diversion assistance team priority
- 25 action plan. It's kind of a mouthful.
- 26 As you know, the Integrated Waste Management

- 1 Act requires that jurisdictions divert 50 percent of
- 2 their waste stream. The focus of the link dat, as we
- 3 call it, team is just that. That is, our vision is
- 4 that 100 percent of cities and counties will divert
- 5 50 percent in the year 2000. To achieve this vision,
- 6 the plan sets forth aggressive performance targets.
- 7 Target 1 is review jurisdictions' progress reports to
- 8 determine which jurisdictions need assistance and what
- 9 kinds of assistance is necessary.
- 10 Target 2 is enhance IWMB tools and
- 11 assistance materials based on jurisdictions' needs.
- 12 Target 3, provide customized assistance for
- 13 targeted jurisdictions. Those who are not on track
- 14 first and foremost.
- 15 And Target 4, get targeted jurisdictions on
- 16 track to reach diversion goals by providing tools and
- 17 assistance.
- 18 And finally, we seek to reduce enforcement
- 19 actions over time from through upfront assistance
- 20 rather than back and enforcement.
- The concepts we will be going over are
- 22 necessary or the achievement of the priority area plan.
- 23 We will not be able to meet all plan objectives without
- 24 them. We will provide a description of the concept,
- 25 relate the concept back to the -- the five plan targets
- 26 I just described and identify customer serves and

- 1 outcomes expected.
- 2 And now Pat Schiavo and Lorraine
- 3 Van Kekerix, members of the link dat team will present
- 4 the concepts.
- 5 MR. SCHIAVO: Thank you. Pat Schiavo of the
- 6 office of local assistance.
- 7 I'd like to start out with Contract Concept
- 8 Number 38, and it's workshops to disseminate assistance
- 9 tools and this supports Targets Number 3 and Number 4,
- 10 which are to provide customized assistance to local
- 11 jurisdictions, as well as trying to get jurisdictions
- 12 on track in meeting the year 2000 goal. The customers
- 13 this contract concept is designed for are local
- 14 governments, consultants, waste haulers, and
- 15 businesses, and the desired outcome is to provide
- 16 regional forms in which local jurisdictions. The
- 17 regional form can be provided with various tools and
- 18 assistance to help them expand existing programs or
- 19 create new programs.
- The money will be spent on coordination
- 21 logistics and printing, and more specifically will be
- 22 for brochure development, promotional materials,
- 23 workshop packets, coordination of meetings, obtaining
- 24 the site, as well as producing the video and copying of
- 25 that video to disseminate to people who have interest
- 26 but could not attend the workshops.

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1 The tools that would be disseminated at the
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- 2 workshops would be various case studies, the waste
- 3 characterization database, various how-to guides,
- 4 educational kits, some of our economic models as well
- 5 as the facilitation of networking of the jurisdictions
- 6 in those regions.
- 7 Item Number 40 would be the statewide
- 8 conference waste prevention recycling, and this would
- 9 support Targets Number 3, 4, and 5. It would be
- 10 providing customized assistance to local jurisdictions
- 11 once again, assisting local jurisdictions on getting on
- 12 track for meeting the 50 percent goal in the year 2000,
- 13 and ultimately reducing enforcement actions it would be
- 14 taking.
- The customer that are intended to be
- 16 provided with service would be local governments,
- 17 consultants, waste haulers, recyclers, and business,
- 18 and the outcome would be more successful diversion
- 19 programs implemented and increased diversion effort.
- The money would be spent on coordination,
- 21 logistics, promotion printing of materials to support
- 22 this conference. It would be a large state conference
- 23 dealing with a multitude of different subject matters.
- 24 We would be inviting outside speakers to attend as
- 25 well, and we'd try to network people from north of the
- 26 state, the central area, the coastal regions as well as

- 1 the more urban areas to share ideas and concepts.
- 2 Contract Concept Number 41 is titled,
- 3 "Relative Effectiveness of Diversion Programs," and it
- 4 supports four different targets. Target Number 2,
- 5 which is to enhance the Board tools, provide customized
- 6 assistance to local jurisdictions, helping
- 7 jurisdictions get on track in meeting the year 2000
- 8 goal, and reduce enforcement actions.
- 9 The primary customers would be local
- 10 governments, consultants, and businesses, and the
- 11 desired outcome is to assist local governments in
- 12 evaluating diversion programs and implementing
- 13 cost-effective programs in trying to meet the year 2000
- 14 goal.
- The money would be spent for consulting
- 16 services, which would provide us information on what
- 17 works and what does not work for particular
- 18 jurisdictions and and their various settings, looking
- 19 at variables that would impact program operations as
- 20 well providing information for consideration for local
- 21 jurisdictions on what programs again would be most
- 22 effective for the particular situation.
- 23 Contract Number 42 is an integrated database
- 24 system, and the targets there would be four various
- 25 targets that this would support. It would enhance
- 26 existing Board tools, provide customized assistance to

- 1 local jurisdictions, assist jurisdictions in getting on
- 2 track for meeting the year 2000 goal as well as
- 3 reducing enforcement actions.
- 4 The desired customers are local
- 5 governements, consultants, haulers, businesses, the
- 6 Board itself, Cal EPA and the legislature. The desired
- 7 outcome would be to provide cost-effective reporting
- 8 for local governments, time savings, and improved
- 9 analysis by Board staff.
- 10 The money would be spent on consultation for
- 11 programmers to develop the system. This was
- 12 established based on an extensive pilot that we develop
- 13 and were very successful with. It looked at combining
- 14 the efforts of the disposal reporting system, solid
- 15 waste information system, our landfill capacity system
- 16 as well as our administrative fee system, and it was
- 17 very successful, as I mentioned.
- This would be providing us with a link to
- 19 program data as well as numeric information as well as
- 20 providing graphic depictions of the status of the
- 21 state, help us discern which regions need the most
- 22 assistance, show us what programs exist and where, show
- 23 us where people are meeting the goals, where they're
- 24 not meeting the goals, show us where waste is derived
- 25 from and where it's flowing to, which landfills are
- 26 receiving various waste from various jurisdictions, and

- 1 it would provide us more accurate landfill capacity
- 2 information.
- 3 Lorraine Van Kekerix will run through the
- 4 next contract concepts.
- 5 MS. KEKERIX: Contract Concept Number 31 is
- 6 computers for jurisdictions. It would help us to meet
- 7 two of the targets within our plan, enhancing Board
- 8 tools and customized assistance.
- 9 The customers that we see using this would
- 10 be local governments, consultants, haulers, businesses,
- 11 the Board, Cal EPA, and the legislature, and the
- 12 outcome we're trying to achieve here is that
- 13 jurisdictions will save time and money if they are
- 14 provided with a simplified method for reporting goal
- 15 measurement and diversion program information. The
- 16 Board currently is looking at supplying LEA's with
- 17 computers, and in the 97/98 year we directed some money
- 18 to refurbishing Board computers for jurisdictions that
- 19 we're dealing with over in diversion planning and local
- 20 assistance, primarily the people involved in the
- 21 disposal reporting system. This would build on that
- 22 information, continue to refurbish Board computers,
- 23 because a number of the jurisdictions do not have
- 24 access to computers or the internet. The internet is
- one of the ways that we can most cost effectively get
- 26 information out to people.

- 1 It would also provide dollars for developing
- 2 an electronic filing format for both disposal reporting
- 3 and jurisdictions' annual progress reports to the
- 4 Board.
- 5 Contract Concept Number 37 is developing
- 6 case studies for jurisdictions. Again, this would meet
- 7 multiple targets, enhance the Board's tools, provide
- 8 customized assistance, and help get jurisdictions on
- 9 tract. The primary customers here would be local
- 10 governments, consultants, haulers, and businesses, and
- 11 the outcome that we're looking for here is that we save
- 12 jurisdictions time and money by developing case studies
- 13 of successful programs so that they do not have to
- 14 reinvent the wheel. This contract concept would allow
- 15 us to do some detailed case studies. We anticipate
- 16 that we would have 24 case studies, that these would
- 17 compliment existing case studies that the Board has in
- 18 house and some of the work that the local government
- 19 and technical advisory committee is doing in terms of
- 20 case studies coming out of the trash cutters award.
- 21 Jurisdictions have told us frequently that they really
- 22 would like to see some more in-depth case studies to
- 23 help them in selecting the programs that are best for
- 24 them.
- 25 Contract Concept 39 is cooperative
- 26 marketing. This would help us to achieve three of the

- 1 targets in the local assistance plan, customized
- 2 assistance, getting jurisdictions on track, and
- 3 reducing enforcement actions. The customers here would
- 4 be local governments, consultants, haulers and private
- 5 recyclers. And the outcome of this is we're looking to
- 6 get more cost-effective programs and efficiency for
- 7 assisting rural jurisdictions to get to 50 percent.
- 8 This contract concept is an outgrowth of
- 9 work that has been going on at the Board for at least
- 10 seven years dealing with rural jurisdictions. The
- 11 purpose of this is to fund development of innovative
- 12 world cooperative marketing efforts. The focus here is
- 13 increasing collection of materials for delivery of
- 14 materials to markets. We have market staff who are
- 15 working on improving markets for materials. This would
- 16 be the collection end. We are looking at focus on
- 17 access to collection, access to processing equipment
- 18 and access to services to broker and ship materials to
- 19 market.
- 20 The contract concept is based on results of
- 21 staff work that was brought to the local assistance and
- 22 planning committee in January of '97. They pooled the
- 23 work together with the help of an advisory group that
- 24 included Board staff in many divisions, CRRC, the
- 25 UC Davis Center cooperatives, and RCRC.
- 26 The contract money would be used for seed

- 1 money for innovative cooperative programs and/or
- 2 purchase of equipment, or acquiring technical
- 3 assistance for the innovative cooperative programs. We
- 4 expect that there would be a competitive process, and
- 5 that combinations of players could jointly apply for
- 6 this money. Those players could include jurisdictions,
- 7 haulers, recyclers and nonprofits. We would take a
- 8 look at the kinds of applications that they had put
- 9 together to see whether they met the factors that were
- 10 identified in the staff work as being critical to
- 11 success for cooperative, including willingness to
- 12 cooperate, manageable size, pursuit of long-range
- 13 funding, link to market development activity, and any
- 14 others that the Board would direct us to include.
- The next contract concept that we have is
- 16 Contract Concept Number 28, to develop model planning
- 17 documents. This would serve all of the targets within
- 18 the local assistance plan, and the primary customers
- 19 would be local governments and consultants. The
- 20 outcome that we would look for here is better program
- 21 tracking and reporting, and planning and implementation
- 22 leading to more diversion.
- This contract concept would implement some
- 24 of the requirements in SB 988, should that be signed by
- 25 the governor, which requires model revised planning
- 26 documents and streamlined regulations. Jurisdictions

- 1 have indicated to us over the years that they save 10
- 2 and \$50,000 for each of the models that we have
- 3 developed that they choose to use. It also reduces
- 4 staff review time.
- 5 This one has not been recommended for
- funding by the executive staff, because there wasn't
- 7 sufficient IWMA funding, and other things were higher
- 8 priorities.
- 9 And the last concept contract that we have
- 10 relates to economic models. These economic models
- 11 would help us to achieve enhancing the Board's tools,
- 12 customized assistance and getting jurisdictions on
- 13 track. The primary customers would be local
- 14 governments, consultants, haulers, and recyclers, and
- 15 the outcome that we would like to achieve would be more
- 16 accurate evaluations of programs, more diversion at
- 17 lower costs, and increased supply of recycled materials
- 18 for markets.
- 19 This is based on work that the Board has
- 20 done on the automated diversion planning tool, the
- 21 facility cost model, and collection cost model. Since
- 22 those were put together we have had a number of
- 23 technological kinds of changes, and some of the
- 24 information is out of date.
- This contract concept would allow us to take
- 26 advantage of our new computer system, update the

- 1 technology and the information, and make these easier
- 2 to use. This contract concept is most appropriate
- 3 under the Integrated Waste Management Account funding,
- 4 and there weren't sufficient IWMA funds to fund this
- 5 contract concept, and it's not recommended by exec
- 6 staff.
- 7 MS. FRIEDMAN: This concludes our
- 8 presentation, and we're available for questions.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Do you wish to do this
- 10 as we did with the others, where we'll act on the IWMA
- 11 account first, and then take up the RMDZ account?
- 12 If that's sufficient, I'd like to ask that
- on Item 31 I'd like to appropriate \$70,000, and I'd
- 14 like to hold 15,000 for the 21st century project and
- 15 15,000 for the tire project. I don't have any anything
- 16 specific, but it just seems to me that we may need some
- 17 money to do something, and both of those are vital
- 18 projects, and I certainly would be willing to stipulate
- 19 that if we didn't use that money that it would go back
- 20 into Item 31.
- 21 I'll make that as a motion, if anybody wants
- 22 to agree with me.
- 23 MEMBER EATON: And Mr. Chair that would --
- 24 so the total amount would be -- that would equal the
- 25 100,000 that was recommended?
- 26 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Right. Right.

- 1 MEMBER EATON: Not the 150. So we're are
- 2 working off the 100 figure. The 70 that you --
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Correct.
- 4 MEMBER EATON: -- suggest would go to
- 5 computers and 15 and 15.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Correct.
- 7 MEMBER EATON: And then nothing else out of
- 8 the IWMA that was listed, 27, 28, or 29, would be
- 9 funded?
- 10 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: That's right, because
- 11 we don't have the money.
- 12 MEMBER EATON: Yeah, I'm just -- to clarify.
- 13 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yeah.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: I'll second that motion.
- 15 MEMBER JONES: Can I ask a question,
- 16 Mr. Chair?
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Sure.
- 18 MEMBER JONES: The 70,000 for the computers,
- 19 whatever, are we going -- we going to have new contract
- 20 concepts for those other two items; right? They're
- 21 going to have placeholders. They're going to say
- 22 15,000 of the 21st century. Maybe that's Contract
- 23 Concept Number 70.
- MS. FISH: Would you want to see contract
- 25 concepts --
- 26 MEMBER JONES: I don't know. That's what

- 1 I'm trying to find out.
- 2 MS. FISH: -- or would you just like them to
- 3 come back with a proposal?
- 4 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: It would seem to me
- 5 that they just need to come back with a proposal, if we
- 6 find, as you guys are working on the 21st century and
- 7 you need something, you've got some money there.
- 8 MEMBER JONES: Not a problem.
- 9 MR. CHANDLER: Mr. Chairman, I don't think
- 10 this is a big issue, but, you know, you're putting
- 11 15,000 towards potentially the tire report, yet we're
- 12 dealing with IWMA funding. Normally we would use tire
- 13 resources for anything related to the tire program.
- 14 We've already allocated those dollars. So I'm not
- 15 raising this in the way of an objection. I just want
- 16 you to be mindful you're putting IWMA money into a tire
- 17 related fund activity. I still think it's not
- 18 inappropriate. I just want to make sure that, you
- 19 know, traditionally we have done it the other way.
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, leastwise, this
- 21 way we know we have some money there, and, as I said in
- 22 my motion, that I'd be willing to have it go -- revert
- 23 back to Item 31 if we don't use it, or we can find
- 24 money in the tire fund to do it. That's fine, too. We
- want to know that we've got some money there for those
- 26 things.

- 1 MR. CHANDLER: Okay.
- 2 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Any further
- 3 discussion? If not, will the secretary call the roll.
- 4 THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 5 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 6 THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- 7 MEMBER FRAZEE: Aye.
- 8 THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 9 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 10 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.
- Okay. Discussion on the other items?
- 13 Item 37.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: Yes. Mr. Chair, I have just
- 15 a couple of general questions.
- 16 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Sure.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: The workshops are going to be
- 18 spread around the state, as I understand, in ten
- 19 different geographical locations, and hopefully they
- 20 will coincide with our RMDZ type zones that where those
- 21 individuals would be invited into those workshops along
- 22 with some geographical kind of line; is that correct?
- 23 MS. FRIEDMAN: We would seek to coordinate
- 24 all those activities appropriately, correct.
- 25 MEMBER EATON: What troubles me is that we
- 26 have the workshop where ten are spread around the

- 1 state, which I think is a very good idea, because we
- 2 are actually going out into areas where we normally
- 3 wouldn't go out and try to get to the smaller areas.
- 4 We then have a statewide conference on waste
- 5 prevention. Why couldn't those be made part and parcel
- 6 either of a panel or a segment of those workshops that
- 7 we're having in the ten different locales, and it seems
- 8 somewhat inconsistent. We're going out into 10
- 9 different areas and disseminatig information where we
- 10 could actually have -- and then you're going to call
- 11 them all back for a statewide conference of waste
- 12 prevention. I mean, when you're out there why not do
- 13 the work of a couple of things, even it the requires
- 14 that you take a little bit longer, more than a day or
- 15 two or what have, or a paenl. The same can go for a
- 16 cooperative marketing when you go into the rural areas.
- 17 It seems like the division of labor here, that all
- 18 we're doing is burning unnecessary dollars. Also, it
- 19 would be nice to get some information as to what's
- 20 working and give that out in the workshops as to those
- 21 kinds of situations.
- 22 So, as I look at it, 38, 39, 40, and 41, all
- 23 relate to the same kind of activity, and, therefore,
- instead of trying to spend roughly 400,000 -- 600,000,
- you probably could do all of it for 200,000 and still
- 26 have 400,000 in other arenas that you could do it. It

- 1 doesn't seem to make much sense to go out and do tools
- 2 and not provide all the other information, because some
- 3 of it is very, very duplicative, or at the very at
- 4 least, we could actually supplement some of that as
- 5 well.
- 6 MR. SCHIAVO: No. We agree with you, and
- 7 maybe we just need to provide more clarity.
- 8 The workshops, the reason we would do them
- 9 in 10 regional areas is so that we could gear them to
- 10 the specific needs of each of the particular regions,
- 11 and we would also include information on waste
- 12 prevention at those workshops. The reason for the
- 13 statewide conference is that while we would provide a
- 14 regional flavor and provide information specific to
- 15 those target regions, we would also want to have a
- 16 statewide conference where we could be more -- a
- 17 broader prospective or we could bring people together
- 18 from all over the state at one particular area where
- 19 people could be together from the coastal areas as well
- 20 as from mountain areas, because they're still going to
- 21 have a lot of commonalities, and this provides that
- 22 opportunity.
- 23 The Item Number 41, that information we
- 24 would like to provide at these workshops, and the idea
- 25 is to have that information completed and disseminated
- 26 at both the statewide and the regional workshops.

- 1 Another thing we have found is that we have
- 2 a tendency to provide well developed tools and models
- 3 and we promote them at a one-time workshop, and we need
- 4 to constantly provide that information to the people,
- 5 because sometimes the timing's not right. Sometimes
- 6 people hear things, but they don't focus on it enough,
- 7 so you have to -- much like a commercial, you have to
- 8 repeat the information to them.
- 9 So that was the idea of the statewide on top
- 10 of the regional workshops.
- 11 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 13 MS. KEKERIX: Can I answer one additional
- 14 question on cooperative marketing?
- What we're talking about on the cooperative
- 16 marketing is providing money to various groups for them
- 17 to do cooperative marketing, not to have a conference
- 18 on it. So this would be, if a group of people wanted
- 19 to get together to come in with a request for an
- 20 innovative proposal for doing a cooperative collect
- 21 materials, then they would get money to do that. It
- 22 wouldn't be Board staff or a contractor charged to do a
- 23 certain piece of work. It would be a competitive
- 24 process for groups of people to get money to actually
- 25 do collection.
- 26 MEMBER JONES: Collection material or

- delivery of material to markets?
- 2 MS. KEKERIX: Both.
- 3 MEMBER JONES: Because they've got programs
- 4 to collect it. If they can't get it to the markets,
- 5 then it's only a truck that --
- 6 MEMBER EATON: How many meetings have we had
- 7 with the marketing people on this?
- 8 MS. KEKERIX: There have been meetings that
- 9 have been ongoing since 1990, and the staff have worked
- 10 together --
- 11 MEMBER EATON: Okay, but shouldn't the
- 12 markets division know where they need to get to markets
- 13 so we don't have to go out and do this kind of work and
- 14 doing a planning document, and this is in the sense
- 15 that if we have a markets people whose expertise is to
- 16 find markets or to do market kind of surveys and
- 17 research, which we have approved already, what does
- 18 this get us that we already don't have by just walking
- 19 across to a different floor and saying, you know, where
- 20 is it that we have to be for these co-ops, for the
- 21 cooperative marketing approach? We did a study back in
- 22 1991, and it's been updated. I'm just having a hard
- 23 time. It's kind of like we don't know what the right
- 24 hand and left hand is doing.
- MS. KEKERIX: This is for establishing
- 26 cooperatives, not studying it. We have studied it a

- 1 number of times, and the market staff were heavily
- 2 involved in the study as well as a number of the other
- 3 groups. So what this would be, would be to actually
- 4 fund cooperative.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: The local rural
- 6 governments and haulers have come to us on several
- 7 occasions saying that they're having a problem, where
- 8 they might have a small amount of the marketable
- 9 material, but they need to combine to get it to the
- 10 market and get to a volume where it has some economic
- 11 value, so they've asked us for their help, and I think
- 12 this is what this particular thing is.
- 13 MEMBER EATON: But I'm hearing grants and
- 14 other things, and I have worked with co-ops, and I've
- worked with the National Association of Cooperatives.
- 16 I helped set up the cooperative bank. There's
- 17 organizations already out there, and I think that in
- 18 39 -- can you call it up again on the point? What the
- 19 goals or whatever would assist in. You know, where you
- 20 listed where it would be a benefit with regard to --
- 21 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 39.
- 22 MEMBER EATON: -- targeted.
- 23 MEMBER JONES: While they're getting through
- $24\,$ $\,$ the targets, this was an item that gives me
- 25 heartburn --
- 26 MEMBER EATON: Right there. You had 39?

- 1 No. That's the one for 39 I want.
- 2 MEMBER JONES: Back up a couple.
- 3 MS. KEKERIX: Well, 39 is --
- 4 MS. FRIEDMAN: They're not in order. There
- 5 it is.
- 6 MEMBER EATON: How does it reduce
- 7 enforcement actions?
- 8 MS. KEKERIX: One of the things that the
- 9 rural --
- 10 MEMBER EATON: I mean, if the idea is to get
- 11 to market, what are we doing to reduce -- I mean, I'm a
- 12 little of confused.
- MS. KEKERIX: Rural jursidictions have
- 14 identified that this is an issue that they will be
- 15 unable to meet their diversion goals, 50 percent, or
- 16 reduce goal, if they happen to have that, unless there
- 17 is some assistance on getting the collection system for
- 18 delivering things to market, and that might be better
- 19 handled in a cooperative manner, so that they worked
- 20 together, and they're looking -- they're looking to put
- 21 together some innovative proposals on how to get those
- 22 materials to market.
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: What they're saying --
- 24 MEMBER EATON: It just would seem to be a
- 25 more appropriate request from the markets department,
- 26 because that's their job and their responsibility. If

- 1 the whole idea is that we've had problems getting stuff
- 2 to market, I would say the we've --
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Probably an
- 4 interjurisdictional deal, because the local assistance
- 5 people are trying to help out.
- 6 MS. KEKERIX: That's one of the things that
- 7 over the years the two divisions have worked together
- 8 on this, the cooperative marketing staff report that
- 9 was put together had the input of both divisions in it,
- 10 and this is a recommendation that's coming out of that
- 11 work.
- 12 MS. TRGOVICH: Members -- Caren Trgovich
- 13 with Waste Prevention and Market Development. Maybe
- 14 I'll try to summarize from my prospective in probably a
- 15 simplistic way and I hope, Steve, not a five year old
- 16 way. Please slap me if it sounds like that. The
- 17 delineation that we see between the divisions is that
- 18 the diversion planning and local assistance division
- 19 focuses on the supply end, so they're looking at
- 20 collecting the materials, getting them out of the waste
- 21 stream. We see our role as then, what do we do with
- 22 those materials and moving them into the marketplace.
- 23 We have a coordination role because you can't take
- 24 something out of the waste stream if it doesn't have a
- 25 market, because it ends up in a landfill. So there's a
- 26 distinct coordination role there.

- 1 MS. FRIEDMAN: If I may add --
- 2 Judy Friedman -- this is a proposal that is an
- 3 integrated proposal. We're looking for and have been
- 4 for several years, in terms of the study of this
- 5 particular issue and in the recommendations. We're
- 6 fully integrated in the proposal here.
- 7 MEMBER JONES: I think one of the issues --
- 8 this has never been one of my favorites, because when
- 9 it was first done it was actually socialized
- 10 collection, because they wanted to share customer
- 11 lists, and it's come a long way, because, you know,
- 12 I've always said the only hamper -- you know, I got
- 13 RCRC's members, and when RCRC represents their
- 14 membership, they have to bring their things forward. A
- 15 lot of their members have programs that well exceed the
- 16 mandate number that we're supposed to be at now. They
- 17 have markets. Then there's jurisdictions that don't --
- 18 that are a long, long way from markets that look at
- 19 this as maybe being a way to do it, but I always
- 20 thought the only thing that hampers them from getting
- 21 their materials to market is the cost of that
- 22 transportation. It's what makes it, you know,
- 23 economically not viable.
- When you start doing combines on recycled
- 25 material -- recovered materials, and I've made the
- 26 argument 1,000 times, and I'll make it again, you have

- 1 an operator that has a high level and a clean product,
- 2 and when a dirtier, less screened material goes on that
- 3 same trailer, the guy that puts in less efforts
- 4 benefits, because they look at that load and price it
- 5 for the whole load. So the guy that put the effort in,
- 6 his value goes down. The guy who didn't put the effort
- 7 in, his value goes up based on the quality of material
- 8 for the whole load. It's a tough piece to deal with,
- 9 because I could never make it happen within my own
- 10 companies. So, you know, RCRC says they need it.
- 11 I have a question on it -- if it's okay, I'd
- 12 like to move off of 39 just for a minute. The workshop
- 13 to disseminate these tools, the statewide conference on
- 14 waste prevention recycling, the relative effectiveness
- 15 in diversion programs. Those all -- I agree with
- 16 Mr. Eaton -- those could all be -- it would seem to me
- 17 they could all be combined. And I think in the
- 18 combining those programs, I had asked a year and a half
- 19 ago if we could do a festival prior to having to
- 20 implement AB 939 on the -- having to implement it on
- 21 the enforcement side. It made sense if we could put
- 22 something together statewide and let people kind of
- 23 draw from each other's successes and failures. Exactly
- 24 what that level has to be, I don't know, but there is
- one thing I definitely want to see that isn't in these
- 26 concepts. When we talk about waste prevention and

- 1 recycling programs and expected outcome is to increase
- 2 the supply of recycled material for the markets, that's
- 3 part of the problem. Part of the problem is is that we
- 4 get all this material there, but we don't have anybody
- 5 on the other side demanding materials made with
- 6 recycled content product. So I think the only way htat
- 7 this works in any mind, Item 40 and the rest of them,
- 8 is not to just have a statewide conference on waste
- 9 prevention and recycling program, but on buy recycle,
- 10 on procurement practices, because it can't be our goal
- 11 to just keep putting this stuff in warehouses. It has
- 12 to be our goal to keep, you know, doing everything we
- 13 can to get cities, counties, businesses, everybody to
- 14 start incorporating that into that into their
- 15 practices, and if that was included where we gave a
- 16 full scope, I'd have more of a comfort level with it.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: There is. If you go to your
- 18 next page on your sheet, you'll see there's \$100,000
- 19 for another conference on buy recycled.
- 20 MEMBER JONES: Right.
- 21 MEMBER EATON: So my point is in the
- 22 economies of scale, doesn't it make greater sense to
- 23 allocate a certain amount of money and then say and
- 24 direct the staff under the concept that, "These are the
- 25 elements we want in, " such as what you had talked about
- 26 in terms of, you know, buy recycled instead of each one

- 1 being separate, and then you get nickled and dimed.
- 2 All of a sudden you're spending 600,000 when you really
- 3 should only spend for a quality product 2- or \$300,000.
- 4 MEMBER JONES: I agree with you.
- 5 MEMBER EATON: And Mr. Chair, with regard to
- 6 another point that I'm trying to make, is if there are
- 7 specific individuals or specific areas where we know
- 8 there are certain types of the products that are not
- 9 getting to market or need to get to market, then rather
- 10 than trying to go through what we're going to do here,
- 11 why don't we just fund a demonstration project so that
- 12 we've got something to work on and put our emphasis
- 13 there and fund the demonstration project so we can get
- 14 those to market and use that as an example. I agree
- 15 with you. If people are having trouble with the
- 16 market, we should do everything we can, so let's put
- 17 our money there. I don't know if the demonstration
- 18 project is the right terminology that we use, but, you
- 19 know, instead of trying to go through it, if there are
- 20 specific products, let's go there with those products.
- 21 Let's get them there. Let's just bypass, you know, all
- the mumbo jumbo and let's get right to it.
- 23 MEMBER JONES: On that same line, okay.
- 24 Maybe it wouldn't be called -- maybe this isn't a
- 25 demonstration, but let's say that Modoc County --
- 26 Modoc County does steel recycling. It's the biggest

- 1 part of the waste stream they recycle. They get all
- 2 the quards. They get all the metal at that landfill.
- 3 They crush it. They need a way to get that material to
- 4 market. If you look at a map where Modoc is, it's
- 5 tough. Now, they can do the collection and the
- 6 processing. Is it -- and I think this is what I had
- 7 hoped we would do, and I think Mr. Eaton and others,
- 8 you know, that we could talk about this, is it possible
- 9 that this money the gets put aside and when an issue
- 10 like that comes forward and we promote the market but
- 11 maybe issuing a 50/50 grant on a piece of equipment to
- 12 a county? Is that the appropriate way to spend the
- 13 money if it's going to deal with a rural jurisdiction
- 14 that has obstacles in its way? The obstacles, they
- 15 can't afford to buy a truck and a trailer.
- MS. FRIEDMAN: If I could respond, that is
- 17 precisely what Ms. Van Kekerix was talking about in
- 18 terms of seed money for those ideas. We're not
- 19 limiting it to just that, because we're look for people
- 20 to have innovative ideas, but that's exactly the kind
- 21 of thing we were talking about.
- 22 MEMBER JONES: I don't know. Is that --
- 23 MEMBER EATON: And there's other things.
- 24 You mentioned transportation. We could be using part
- of that 300,000 to either provide them with a
- 26 transportation credit or transportation system or

- 1 assisting some way in a grant or a --
- 2 MEMBER JONES: Buy them a truck give and
- 3 give them a half, give them a quarter.
- 4 MEMBER EATON: -- whatever, a match
- 5 agreement, and those are the kinds of things which this
- 6 money should be going for, because those are the types
- 7 of things we're looking for. That's all I'm getting
- 8 at. I don't think they're bad ideas. I think we just
- 9 need to sort of -- not study, but let's just get down
- 10 to see what we have.
- 11 MEMBER JONES: That works.
- 12 MR. SMITH: I think the purpose is to let
- 13 the jurisdictions tell us what those ideas are, rather
- 14 than us tell them, you know, what they should be doing.
- 15 MEMBER JONES: Right. But we don't have
- 16 that mechanism set up that we're not -- we're not
- 17 sure -- I know some of us aren't exactly -- I'm not
- 18 sure. Put it that way. If Modoc went to the Waste
- 19 Board and said, "Look, I think I can take care of my
- 20 marketing problem if I had a truck," I'm not sure I
- 21 know that we would listen to that. If we accept this
- 22 contract concept and know that that's part of it, then
- 23 I would have a comfort level in telling Modoc County,
- 24 "Deal with a proposal. Give it to the Waste Board.
- 25 See if there is a way that you can do a match."
- 26 MR. SMITH: I would presume that those like

- 1 expenditures in our other programs would come back
- 2 through the Board.
- 3 MS. KEKERIX: We expect that if we have to
- 4 put a program of this sort together, that we would have
- 5 criteria, and I have down here things like matching
- 6 funds, in kind services, whatever other criteria the
- 7 Board wants us to -- have these people meet when they
- 8 apply for such funds.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: Do we have any input from the
- 10 local jurisdictions as to what they need?
- 11 MS. KEKERIX: We have some input from some
- 12 jurisdictions. Now, the problem is --
- 13 MEMBER EATON: Do we talk to local
- 14 jurisdictions?
- 15 MS. KEKERIX: -- that it is approximately a
- 16 year and a half old. So since things change over time,
- 17 I could give you an example or two. Some of the
- 18 existing cooperative are looking at the possibility of
- 19 expanding to serve some additional areas, and that
- 20 might be something that could be funded, too. They
- 21 might be some additional equipment. There's some
- 22 existing cooperatives that are looking at maybe being
- 23 able to expand if they had some mobile bailors or other
- 24 types of equipment of that sort that could them.
- 25 MEMBER EATON: But that's a specific kind
- 26 of -- what Mr. Jones is trying to get at, not any of

- 1 this kind of, you know, like sort of planning stuff,
- 2 but actually, you know, putting dollars there. I find
- 3 it hard to believe that, you know, first off, there are
- 4 case studies already out there and good programs,
- 5 because otherwise we wouldn't approve, or we wouldn't
- 6 give people awards here at the Board every Board
- 7 meeting if we didn't know who's doing the job and who
- 8 isn't, first and foremost. So I've got to believe we
- 9 already have the information, so why do we have to go
- 10 out and pay someone to go out and tell us what we're
- 11 doing and who's doing it well?
- MR. SMITH: Are we still on 39?
- 13 MEMBER EATON: I'm talking just generally,
- 14 because it all fits together.
- MR. SMITH: We do not get detailed and
- 16 specific implementation documents. We get a listing of
- 17 the programs that are implemented. The results --
- 18 MEMBER EATON: Who's we? Which department?
- 19 MR. SMITH: This group here. We do not get
- 20 a case study --
- 21 MEMBER EATON: Does any other group -- any
- 22 other group in our organization get that kind of
- 23 information?
- 24 MR. SMITH: This organization gets --
- 25 anybody in the organization has access to that. We are
- 26 not -- we are trying not to work in silos here. If the

- 1 information is in DIPLA, it's available to anybody
- 2 anywhere. That's the purpose of these cross-functional
- 3 teams is to try and integrate and bring all of these
- 4 discplines together and not working in silos. So I
- 5 would say, yes, there is a site within the Board, not
- 6 within DIPLA, not within markets, not within P&E. This
- 7 is Board information, usable by and integrated by all
- 8 of the rest of the divisions. That's what the whole --
- 9 MEMBER EATON: So our demand side, which is
- 10 markets, should know which products need to get to
- 11 market?
- MR. SMITH: I would hope.
- 13 MEMBER EATON: Okay. If that be the case,
- 14 then why are we going out and looking to try and figure
- 15 out ideas as to who needs to get to market? Why not
- 16 just get the market people together with the supply
- 17 people and say, "What is it you need to get to market,
- 18 and what kind of tools do you need to get there?" And
- 19 We pay for that, or we subsidize that, or we grant
- 20 that. That's what I have a hard time understanding for
- 21 this kind of money.
- MR. SMITH: The purpose of the --
- 23 MEMBER EATON: You can only study things so
- 24 many times.
- MR. SMITH: The purpose -- these are not
- 26 studies. The purpose of this is to partner with our

- 1 local partners, the people who are on the ground doing
- 2 this, and in this specific area, we know -- in general
- 3 terms, in this specific in conjunction with our local
- 4 partners so that we are not telling them. They are
- 5 working with us to decide what it is they want. I
- 6 believe that's what this is about so that we are not --
- 7 yeah, handing them an X, Y, and Z when they need an A,
- 8 B, or C, and I think that's what I -- my reading of the
- 9 contract concept is. It is for and by the partners
- 10 that we work with out there.
- 11 MEMBER EATON: Go ahead, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Why don't we look at
- 13 this one. I agree with Keith that I think it's more
- 14 what you really are looking for, and that is to put
- 15 money out in the field to get the job done, not another
- 16 study.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: And furthermore, I find it --
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: That's it.
- 19 MEMBER EATON: Well, that's part of it, but
- 20 I find it hard to believe that we give an award for
- 21 programs up here, you know, for jurisdictions that
- 22 either met their goals, and then we've got to go out
- 23 and pay another contractor to tell us who's doing a
- 24 good job. It doesn't make sense. Doesn't our staff,
- 25 as a whole, in one of the departments knows which kind
- of diversion programs are working and how they're

- 1 working? And if we do know that, then why aren't they
- 2 going to workshops and teaching the others? That's my
- 3 point. I'm not going to have somebody go read 24 case
- 4 studies. Keith, you know that ain't going to happen in
- 5 the local jurisdiction. What you have to do is you
- 6 have to go out and teach them. Did you ever learn a
- 7 job without someone teaching you, or did they give you
- 8 a manual and say, "Here. Go do your job"?
- 9 MR. SMITH: And that is exactly what we
- 10 intend to do, but we don't --
- 11 MEMBER EATON: But it's not here in the
- 12 documents.
- 13 MR. SMITH: We do not go in there with just
- 14 simply, "Here's Alameda County who's got a great
- 15 organics progam. What does the organics program
- 16 consist of?" Then you're right. A piece of paper will
- 17 not do it. I absolutely agree with you.
- 18 MEMBER EATON: Then take them on the road to
- 19 the ten different jurisdictions and show them where to
- 20 go.
- 21 MR. SMITH: That's exactly what we will be
- 22 doing.
- 23 MEMBER EATON: But you can conclude all the
- others with it, and you don't need a separate \$100,000
- to do the buy recycle. You don't need another \$200,000
- 26 for a statewide conference on waste prevention because

- 1 you've got them all there at the same time.
- 2 MEMBER JONES: Add them together instead of
- 3 spend 5, spend 2.
- 4 MEMBER EATON: Right.
- 5 MEMBER JONES: That'll work.
- 6 MR. SMITH: That will work.
- 7 MEMBER JONES: One thing that I want to add,
- 8 because I think that on the $\operatorname{--}$ much to the chagrin of
- 9 staff sometimes, when they talk about presenting case
- 10 studies and making evaluations of what works and what
- 11 doesn't work, I have a problem with that, because
- 12 unfortunately in this business, the type of equipment
- 13 you run, the type of terrain that you are involved in,
- 14 the type of economic community that you're in, no two
- 15 programs are the same. No two programs work the same.
- 16 I mean, Los Altos Hills, the only way we could deal
- 17 with them was to do a background recycling program
- 18 where they spent \$6 a house. Just down the hill from
- 19 them, we couldn't get 72 cents to do a curbside
- 20 program. They were within two miles of each other. I
- 21 mean, border to border.
- 22 So I'm not sure. You know, I would put my
- 23 experience up just about -- you know, I think I'm kind
- 24 of in the middle of the pack as far as having
- 25 experience with these things. I couldn't look at a
- 26 jurisdiction on the piece of paper and say what will

- 1 work and what won't work, and it's hard for us to even
- 2 evaluate somebody that's saying that their program will
- 3 work or doesn't work, and that's going to get into a
- 4 whole other issue with, when the biannual reviews come
- 5 in and we start looking at people that have identified
- 6 programs in the SRRE, and they say, "We do a curbside
- 7 program," we have to ask a question. How many items do
- 8 you pick up in that curbside program? It's not just
- 9 the fact that you have a curbside program. It's, how
- 10 effective is the program? What do you pick up? How
- 11 many days a week are you out on the road?
- MR. SMITH: That is exactly what a case
- 13 study is. It is the circumstances in which you're
- 14 operating, economic, geographic, environmental,
- 15 whatever. It is the structure of the program. It is
- 16 all the things you've mentioned, and you're right. You
- 17 can't pick an organic program up and say it will work
- 18 here and it will work there without understanding all
- 19 those other aspects. That's what a case study is, but
- 20 it's also what, for instance, the tier group is
- 21 carrying out there and using right now. When Arcata
- 22 asked them in to look at their collection program --
- 23 they have a collection program in place, and the tier
- 24 group was able to point to other types, examples, and
- 25 methods of a curbside collection program, and according
- 26 to Arcata City Council, possibly save -- what was the

- 1 figure? Up to \$100,000 and increase based upon a
- 2 knowledge we had of similar programs of that type but
- 3 not exactly done the same way. That's what this is
- 4 exactly about is for us to be able to walk into those
- 5 jurisdictions with some more in-depth knowledge that we
- 6 have now. What we get in our biannuals is, "Here are
- 7 the programs we've implemented. Here are the results."
- 8 We have to know more of the details, and it is a labor
- 9 intensive process on someone's part. We're trying to
- 10 take partners. That's what we asked Lab Tech to do and
- 11 do some leg work with us, but we need more of those.
- 12 Listening to the union lady, are these
- 13 things we could do? Of course, they are. Of course,
- 14 they are, but we simply at this point do not have the
- 15 staff to do it. It is an absolutely necessary
- 16 function. if we're going to spread the best practices
- 17 that we can find, and there may be a dozen different
- 18 depending on the circumstances, and spread those
- 19 across. It is the opposite of focusing on the poor
- 20 performers and dealing with those one by one. It's
- 21 taking the best performers and trying to spread that
- 22 knowledge and information as widely as we can.
- I agree with what you said about the forums.
- 24 I don't disagree with that, but creating in our hands,
- 25 all bringing the expert practitioners of those who are
- 26 doing it to such a forum is the way to do it, and I

- 1 agree with you. Bring them in but find that they are
- 2 real, because what we hear from our customers is that
- 3 there's a lot of B.S. out there, people claiming stuff
- 4 that isn't really so, and part of the case study is
- 5 establishing is it really so.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: You hear that from the Board,
- 7 too.
- 8 MR. SMITH: I hear that from the Board, too.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: And that may be a differnce
- 10 in the difference of a philosophical approach, because
- 11 I believe that an organization ought to develop its own
- 12 expertise, and the only way to develop the expertise is
- 13 if our staff and our staff resources go to learning
- 14 about how it's done, because then you don't have to go,
- 15 and what you're proposing to do in this is to go
- 16 outside and get someone else to make the evaluation. I
- 17 don't believe that's how you develop an organization or
- 18 you develop an expertise within your organization, and
- 19 if that's why we're in here for the long term, then
- 20 that's what we ought to be doing. So that may be a
- 21 philosophical differnce, and I'll grant you that.
- MR. SMITH: No. I would agree with you.
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Let's try to get this
- 24 solved here. Where do we want to get on this?
- 25 MEMBER EATON: And I just have one other
- 26 point. I find it very difficult to understand that

- 1 here is a local government diversion assistance, and I
- 2 understand, at least under AB 939, what is the
- 3 hierarchy? What's the number one? Reuse, isn't it?
- 4 MS. FRIEDMAN: Source reduction.
- 5 MEMBER EATON: It isn't reuse? Part of it?
- 6 MS. FRIEDMAN: Part of it, yeah.
- 7 MEMBER EATON: There's nothing in here about
- 8 reuse.
- 9 MS. FRIEDMAN: If I could clarify, all of
- 10 these things would include all diversion and source
- 11 reduction programs. We're not excluding any part of
- 12 the hierarchy.
- 13 MEMBER EATON: I have yet to see anything
- 14 with reuse on this Board since I've been on it.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Let's try to get where
- 16 we want to go on this now.
- I take it you'd like to combine some of
- 18 these workshops and conferences; correct?
- 19 MEMBER EATON: I think what we do is we
- 20 allocate approximately \$100,000 to the cooperative
- 21 marketing in condition upon the fact they come back
- 22 with some specifics, sort of along the lines of what
- 23 Mr. Jones had discussed, and then combining all of the
- others for approximately \$225,000 in order to put on
- 25 conferences, whether they be statewide or regional that
- 26 would include the components both with regard to what's

- 1 here in 37 through 41, as well as number 53 in the buy
- 2 recycled.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: How much did you say?
- 4 MEMBER EATON: 225.
- 5 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 37, 38, 40?
- 6 MEMBER EATON: 40.
- 7 MEMBER JONES: And 41?
- 8 MEMBER EATON: Um-hmm.
- 9 MEMBER JONES: And that's it. 41. And then
- 10 what was the other one, Mr. Eaton?
- 11 MR. SMITH: 53.
- 12 MEMBER EATON: 53, 'cause that was another
- 13 conference, and that was the subject matter you were
- 14 talking about.
- 15 MEMBER JONES: Right. Right. 53. So we've
- 16 got --
- 17 MEMBER EATON: 325,000. 225. Then 100 for
- 18 cooperative.
- MR. SMITH: Right. Right.
- 20 MEMBER JONES: It's 562, would be the total
- 21 for all those. If we cut it down to 225 or 250 --
- 22 MEMBER EATON: No. 225 is what you allocate
- 23 for that.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: 225 for those five items.
- 25 MEMBER EATON: And then for the cooperative
- 26 marketing would be 100,000.

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1 MEMBER JONES: Okay. If we're going to look
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- 2 at giving grants for equipment and stuff, could that
- 3 number go up to 200,000?
- 4 MEMBER EATON: Oh, absolutely.
- 5 MEMBER JONES: Because you can only get
- 6 one --
- 7 MEMBER EATON: On the cooperative?
- 8 MEMBER JONES: Yeah.
- 9 MEMBER EATON: Oh, absolutely. Sure. So
- 10 make that 200 for cooperative, and then 225 for the
- 11 conferences, and I would just ask the Board's
- 12 indulgences with regard to integrating the selective
- 13 databases that, as I mentioned to some of you
- 14 individually, I have had the pleasure of meeting with
- 15 outside vendors who have informed me that basically
- 16 what we're trying to do here is trade a warehouse of
- 17 data and then have a program for mining that data to
- 18 give us some trends and integrate. Companies such as
- 19 Silicon Graphics, and I don't have any -- that's the
- 20 only one I'm quite familiar with, although I have
- 21 contacted others -- have all these programs already in
- 22 place where the data's already there. They have the
- 23 programs that were integrated and capture it and, on
- 24 top of it, train your employees as part of the whole
- 25 package price to learn how to use this formation at
- 26 about a third the cost, and I would just ask that we

- 1 just reserve and not take up that item, but hold it in
- 2 abeyance until this Board, in a way that's appropriate
- 3 with legal counsel, can have presentations made by a
- 4 number of these companies which are out there doing the
- 5 work, and more importantly are doing the work in other
- 6 state agencies. So it's not just something that came
- 7 to us because we happened to meet the person on the
- 8 street or known about it, but are actually doing the
- 9 work in other state agencies that are far ahead of the
- 10 curve. And with training and those kinds of things,
- 11 it's a package deal.
- 12 MEMBER JONES: I don't have a problem with
- 13 that. I'd second that if you guys think you could get
- 14 the job done. I really think you could. You just have
- 15 to put some things together and try to get it done in
- 16 two.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: So we're talking 425.
- 18 That's 225 for Items 3, combined Items 37, 38, 40, 41,
- 19 and 53, and 200 for the cooperative marketing.
- 20 MEMBER EATON: Correct. Along the
- 21 parameters as set forth by Mr. Jones with regard to the
- 22 cooperative marketing.
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. Do you know
- 24 what those parameters are?
- MR. CHANDLER: Judy, I missed obviously the
- 26 discussion, but what was the staff's approach on how

- 1 you were going to proceed with getting these databases
- 2 integrated? If it wasn't to begin surveying the
- 3 potential qualifications out there, and I guess what
- 4 I'm not getting is, what's inconsistent about what was
- 5 proposed and what is being asked for? Why don't you
- 6 just catch me up to speed real quick.
- 7 MS. FISH: It was a combination of
- 8 procurement, actual procurement of equipment that would
- 9 be needed, as well as then a -- actually a CMAS vendor
- 10 to bring in a vendor for the period of a couple years
- 11 in order to do the actual integration work here at the
- 12 Board. So it would be using general services lists to
- 13 bring in somebody under our direction, because a
- 14 considerable amount of work had already been done on
- 15 the pilot itself in order to set -- lay the ground work
- 16 for the integration, and I think we've seen some
- 17 proposals on how we would do that, and there is just to
- 18 actually accomplish the actual work itself with the
- 19 procurement side, but we could come back with a more
- 20 formal demonstration on exactly what we're proposing.
- 21 MR. CHANDLER: I'm not hearing that you
- 22 really want that.
- 23 MEMBER EATON: That's correct. I think that
- 24 we ought to take a look at what the products are out
- 25 there, and that there are stuff that's already there.
- 26 MS. FISH: And we could also incorporate

- 1 some alternatives.
- 2 MEMBER EATON: But I also think that it's
- 3 very important for the Board and the staff to see some
- 4 of the cutting edge stuff that's out there, and the
- 5 other agencies are using that cut down on all of the
- 6 overhead costs that deal with that, and after all, part
- 7 of the key component here is we've gone down the road
- 8 in a previous Board item. We found out that after we
- 9 did some of the integration in the program it was never
- 10 used by our staff, and then when asked, because there
- 11 was no training. Some of these companies are willing
- 12 and they're getting on the GSA, or on the General
- 13 Service List, to do this work in the mining aspect of
- 14 it, in this contract concept it talks about it will
- 15 help you with trends. This kind of programming that's
- 16 already a packaged programming. It's not like somebody
- 17 can buy a computer, but that they've developed, already
- 18 gives you a certain kind of three-dimensional graphic
- 19 representation so that you can actually pull the
- 20 trends, and it would save staff time and save staff
- 21 energies and also part of the technical staff from
- 22 integrating some of it, 'cause really, we're talking
- 23 about warehousing the data. It's computer technology
- 24 and having it integrated and letting them try and
- 25 figure out what the problems are, because we do have a
- 26 very good system, and I just think that that's kind of

- 1 where we were, and the Board ought to see what's out
- 2 there.
- 3 MR. SCHIAVO: I'd just like to mention that
- 4 we, in the pilot tests that we ran, we showed that it
- 5 was -- we demonstrated that it was very successful, and
- 6 we already do have the software on board here, so it's
- 7 not the creation of the software. What it is, is
- 8 trying the to bring together the terminologies because
- 9 there's different terminologies with different
- 10 databases, the different protocols used in the
- 11 different databases converting over from various
- 12 formats that we have. It's more of internal
- 13 programming that is very customized to us and that
- 14 cannot be applied to other state agencies.
- As far as the GIS mapping, we already have
- 16 access to that. We did apply it, and it was very
- 17 valuable for the period of time that we had, but we
- 18 didn't maintain it because of resource constraints, and
- 19 we didn't go forward, 'cause we didn't have the money
- 20 to program it to completion. So it's more -- that's
- 21 more the issue -- it's not -- an outside vendor could
- 22 not provide us that because we already do have the
- 23 capabilities. We have the server that would work with
- 24 it, and the linkages, the terminology, the protocols.
- 25 That's our biggest area right now.
- The pilot took us approximately 5- to 600

- 1 hours between our division and working with IMD, so
- 2 it's probably -- you know, a few hundred dollars an
- 3 hour is probably 50, \$60 to create the pilot.
- 4 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: We've got -- I think that the
- 7 issues that both sides are talking about here can be
- 8 resolved in time. I mean, we have three years to spend
- 9 this money. This isn't like this is going to make the
- 10 difference between somebody making 50 percent and not
- 11 making 50 percent, so if it takes a little bit of time
- 12 to get that worked out and find the information, I
- 13 think we ought to do it.
- Mr. Eaton made a motion. I made a second,
- 15 but I do have a question. I'm sorry.
- When we talked about economic modeling on
- 17 29, and it was not an item that was brought forward
- 18 to -- it's not recommended. I'm not recommending it
- 19 either, but I want some thought to go into the idea, is
- 20 there value in offering a service to do economic
- 21 modeling for manufacturers of new products to try to
- 22 integrate, recover material and new material, as well
- 23 as packaging alternatives? Is there value at this
- 24 Board to have a pool of money and the expertise to be
- 25 anal to offer that and make it available to
- 26 manufacturers in the state of California if they want

- 1 to take advantage of it? Is it something that we maybe
- 2 need to talk about a little bit? Because I've brought
- 3 it up three times in outside conferences that I've been
- 4 at, at Bell Conference that Arnie and Ralph and I went
- 5 to down in UCLA where professors that are teaching MBA
- 6 applicants or candidates, or whatever the heck you call
- 7 them, they don't talk about these issues. It's not on
- 8 their screen. So if we did -- if we set a pool of
- 9 money aside and had the expertise and made available to
- 10 companies small or large to do economic modeling of
- 11 what it would take to take a recovered material and a
- 12 virgin material to make their product and the packaging
- 13 minimization, where the dollars are that can be saved
- 14 day to day, every day to show that guy there is an
- 15 advantage to doing that, is that appropriate for us to
- 16 fund to get our message across, and maybe not here, but
- 17 it was one of the ones listed, and it seemed
- 18 appropriate to talk about. I don't know if it's a role
- 19 for us, but it seems like it should be.
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: It's certainly
- 21 something we can look into. It sounds like its
- 22 something that we should be exploring. So I say that
- 23 we do that.
- 24 MEMBER EATON: Because we do have some
- 25 contracts with economists down at UC Berkeley, or
- 26 something that's doing economic models on other

- 1 aspects; correct?
- 2 MEMBER JONES: I think so.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. We have a
- 4 motion here. Let's try to get this done.
- 5 MS. FRIEDMAN: I'm sorry,
- 6 Chairman Pennington. I hate to do this to you, but I
- 7 do want to say one thing. We had a couple things to
- 8 add on the integration of the databases.
- 9 That information -- I mean, Mr. Jones said
- 10 it's not necessary to get anybody to 50 percent, and
- 11 technically that's true, but that information when we
- 12 did the pilot was used heavily and extensively for
- 13 answering the kind of questions that our constituents
- 14 ask all the time. We were able to pull all these
- 15 different data points together to look at a systemwide
- 16 approach for answering their questions.
- 17 I know Mr. Jones talks extensively about,
- 18 you know, when you look at the issue, you can't just
- 19 isolate it. If you're looking at curbside, you've got
- 20 to look at the terrain and the geography and the
- 21 politics and the roots and the truck sizes, and, you
- 22 know, everything and anything. The idea behind
- 23 integrating these databases is that we can look at a
- 24 systemwide approach for answering these kinds of
- 25 questions.
- 26 So technically, yes, jurisdictions don't

- 1 need this to get to 50 percent, but we can provide
- 2 better services to them in assisting them if we have
- 3 that.
- 4 And I think Pat wants to add something.
- 5 MR. SCHIAVO: I just wanted to add, again,
- 6 some of the outputs that we would see from the system.
- 7 One, again, would be landfill capacity so we can better
- 8 plan on where we're running out of landfill capacity,
- 9 and we could do that pictorially, which I think says a
- 10 lot more than words will ever say when you look at it.
- 11 We're going to try to create an interactive reporting
- 12 system where jurisdictions can report to us through the
- 13 system, not through paper dissemination, which is going
- 14 to assist and reduce staff time, reduce jurisdictions'
- 15 time in reporting. We want to dovetail information
- 16 from disposal with amounts being diverted, programs
- 17 being implemented together in one package so that we
- 18 could, again, look statewide and see where most of the
- 19 activity is taking place so we can better plan regional
- 20 applications, because, again, right now we do it on
- 21 a -- it's more of a hit-and-miss basis. We base it on
- 22 loosely defined regions, where if we could see the
- 23 waste sheds more clearly through implementation of
- 24 this, I think that's going to help all of us
- 25 collectively.
- 26 So that's just some examples of some the

- 1 information we're going to be able to provide. It
- 2 helps us reconcile fee information with disposal
- 3 reporting information, which is very critical in
- 4 maintaining that system.
- 5 MEMBER EATON: But that's not the issue.
- 6 That's the given. We already know that. It's a
- 7 question of at \$240,000 why then -- and I can guarantee
- 8 you that we don't have a server that can match what I
- 9 saw, that does the Jurassic Parks of the world, the
- 10 U.S. Navy, spacings for processing information, and
- 11 setting it up pictorially, that, and I think that's the
- 12 key component, and all I said was ask for an abeyance.
- 13 We're on the same if track levels in terms
- 14 of trying to obtain the thing. The question is, which
- 15 is the most effective program? Is it our staff to try
- 16 and do this, or is it bringing in someone else who's
- 17 already done this before for others?
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: The integrated
- 19 selected database is not part of the motion.
- 20 MEMBER EATON: Correct.
- 21 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: The motion was to
- 22 appropriate \$200,000 for the cooperative -- cooperative
- 23 marketing and 225,000 for Items 37, 38, 40, 41, and 53,
- 24 and Mr. Eaton wanted to know, or said, under the
- 25 guidelines that Mr. Jones had outlined, and I was just
- 26 wanting to make sure you all knew what it was that

- 1 Mr. Jones had outlined, and we're clear on what we're
- 2 talking about.
- 3 So with that, I'm going to ask the secretary
- 4 to call the roll.
- 5 THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 6 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 7 THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- 8 MEMBER FRAZEE: Aye.
- 9 THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 10 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 11 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.
- 13 And the next thing was that we were going to
- 14 hold in abeyance \$240,000. We'll set aside \$240,000
- 15 until we're ready to explore the integrated selected
- 16 database; correct?
- 17 MEMBER JONES: That's what I understood.
- 18 So it's not dead. It's just not today.
- 19 MEMBER FRAZEE: Do you want a motion on
- 20 that?
- 21 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, we can if you
- think we need it.
- 23 Ralph?
- MR. CHANDLER: I'm less concerned about the
- 25 motion. I think you've been pretty clear. What I'm
- 26 more concerned about is, does staff know what they --

- 1 what this Board expects of them to do as far as next
- 2 steps? You heard the word "explore." Do you know what
- 3 you're going to explore? Are we getting a card from a
- 4 businessperson that we're going to interview?
- 5 MEMBER EATON: No. I'm doing two things.
- 6 MR. CHANDLER: I want to know what our next
- 7 steps are.
- 8 MEMBER EATON: One of the things I'm going
- 9 to do, is I've got at least a couple of individual
- 10 vendors who I know that does this kind of work to come
- 11 in. I have to work with legal counsel to find out if
- 12 we have to do some of it in a public setting, or can we
- do it in a workshop setting, wherein by which we had
- 14 Board members who wish to participate, as well as the
- 15 appropriate staff and the division staff to see if
- 16 these kinds of programs are helpful, working, are eager
- 17 and consistent with the kinds of things you're talking
- 18 about, and that's -- I just need to get that from legal
- 19 counsel, because I'm not sure how we do it. If we have
- 20 to do it in a setting like this, then we can arrange
- 21 that to have it done. Those are the complications.
- 22 It's not a situation where you get a card to do it.
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. Then I think we
- 24 move on to what is considered "others," which are
- 25 Concepts 4, 5, and 57.
- 26 MEMBER EATON: We also have buy recycled.

- 1 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I'm sorry.
- 2 MEMBER JONES: Yeah, 53 we did.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Oh, 53 we did.
- 4 MEMBER EATON: 54 and 56.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 54 and 56. Green
- 6 Product Database Management and Recycled Product Mobile
- 7 Display.
- Who wants to talk about that? Caren.
- 9 MS. TRGOVICH: Do you want me to offer an
- 10 explanation on these, or would you just like to answer
- 11 questions?
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: In the matter of time,
- 13 if you've got some questions. If you're okay on it,
- 14 fine. If you're not, fine.
- 15 MEMBER EATON: I personally don't have any
- 16 problem at all with either 54 or 56. I don't know
- 17 about the other Board members. I would, however, like
- 18 to add a small amount of money for a contract -- to
- 19 come back with a contract concept for a reuse project,
- 20 other than like a Calmax, but there are organizations
- 21 and others who are doing readings, and then if you have
- 22 some sort of a -- they're in L.A., aren't they, or
- 23 something like that -- yeah, something like that -- to
- 24 add to that category.
- 25 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: How much money do you
- 26 want?

- 1 MEMBER EATON: I think \$50,000. We don't
- 2 have to go, you know, a great deal.
- 3 MS. TRGOVICH: Is this under the buy
- 4 recycled component, or is this --
- 5 MEMBER EATON: Yeah. It would be called,
- 6 Buy Recycled, Reused.
- 7 MS. TRGOVICH: And you're going to talk to
- 8 me about this?
- 9 MEMBER JONES: We're integrated now; right?
- 10 We're an integrated --
- 11 MEMBER EATON: It's going to be like
- 12 Mr. Jones' septic chips.
- MS. TRGOVICH: And I'm going to come and
- 14 talk to you about this.
- 15 MEMBER JONES: So we'll call it 57; right?
- 16 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 57, Reused.
- MR. SMITH: No. We got 57.
- MEMBER JONES: Where the hell's 57?
- MR. SMITH: Down at the bottom.
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Down at the bottom.
- Okay. 58, buy recycled --
- 22 MEMBER JONES: No. Reused.
- MEMBER EATON: Reused.
- 24 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Buy reused.
- MEMBER JONES: Reused. For how much, 50?
- 26 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 50 grand.

- 1 50 grand. That's going. Going once. Going
- 2 twice --
- 3 MEMBER JONES: I'll second it.
- 4 THE SECRETARY: Is that out of the RMDZ
- 5 fund?
- 6 MEMBER EATON: Out of RMDZ.
- 7 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: RMDZ.
- 8 So the motion is to approve 54, 56, and a
- 9 new 58, buy reused, for 50,000; correct?
- 10 MEMBER JONES: Right.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: And Mr. Jones, you
- 12 seconded that?
- 13 MEMBER JONES: Yes, I did, Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Will the secretary
- 15 call the roll, please.
- THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 18 THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- MR. FRAZEE: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 22 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.
- 24 Item 4 and 5, Waste Reduction Awards
- 25 Program, Calmax Exchange, and 57, Newsprint Audits out
- 26 of the IWMA account --

- 1 MS. TRGOVICH: Let me just distinguish 4 and
- 2 5. Those contracts are in place. When those contracts
- 3 were awarded for fiscal year 97/98, the contracts were
- 4 awarded on a three-year basis with the provision that
- 5 we come back to the Board for the following two
- 6 subsequent years to approve funding. So there will be
- 7 no subsequent scopes of work around these. This is
- 8 merely continuation of funding.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Any questions?
- 10 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 12 MEMBER JONES: On Item Number 1, Financial
- 13 Analysis and Negotiation Assistance, it was decided, I
- 14 guess, by staff not to put any money in that. I don't
- 15 know. I just think that reading the item and knowing
- 16 that issues like came up yesterday or at other times,
- 17 where we need to get a financial analysis of something
- 18 to back up the decision we're going to make as to, you
- 19 know, what makes sense, what doesn't make sense. To me
- 20 that's an item that should be funded, and I'd really --
- 21 I think we need to --
- MS. FISH: Board Member Jones, Karin Fish.
- 23 If I may, we have --
- 24 MEMBER JONES: I love it when you do this,
- 25 because I know you're going to say, "No, no. We have
- 26 the money put aside, " and that started -- remember,

- 1 that started a big debate.
- 2 Go ahead.
- 3 MEMBER EATON: You did say "if I may"
- 4 instead of "IWMA," didn't you?
- 5 MS. FISH: You're right. I didn't say IWMA,
- 6 and we do have money put aside for that.
- 7 MEMBER JONES: Do we have 75,000.
- 8 MS. FISH: No, it's not quite that much. I
- 9 think it's right around 50,000.
- 10 MEMBER JONES: Okay.
- 11 MR. CHANDLER: I put this concept forward,
- 12 because I --
- 13 MEMBER EATON: Well, join us who haven't
- 14 gotten anything.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: What do you mean? We
- 16 just passed 50,000.
- 17 MEMBER JONES: You got one. He got one. I
- 18 got one.
- 19 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I only got 30 for
- 20 crying out loud.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: Oh, yeah, you got one.
- 22 MEMBER EATON: And that's in dispute whether
- 23 it can come out of that fund.
- MR. CHANDLER: Well, who balances the
- 25 checkbook in your house, the wife or the man? The
- 26 problem is you've got all these ladies --

- 1 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: The problem is no one
- 2 does.
- 3 MR. CHANDLER: No, I was reminded --
- 4 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I see him over there
- 5 working with his red pen all the time.
- 6 MR. CHANDLER: -- that we just put in place
- 7 a contract with KPMG for 50,000. Now, obviously
- 8 there's been some billable hours against that, and I
- 9 think the question was, did we need to do something
- 10 immediately to make sure we have a resource like that
- 11 available in the current fiscal year. That might be
- 12 something that we want to revisit when that budget gets
- 13 low, and if you want to set some monies aside to insure
- 14 that, then obviously that's the debate.
- 15 MEMBER JONES: Yeah, 'cause this IWMA
- 16 money's got to be spent by next June.
- MS. FISH: It needs to be encumbered by
- 18 June.
- 19 MEMBER JONES: Encumbered by June.
- I just worry, 'cause, you know, I think we
- 21 had to borrow some analysis --
- MR. CHANDLER: Use some of the loan -- RMDZ
- 23 loan dollars in the past.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: And that doesn't make sense
- 25 if we have a contract employed. Anyway, maybe 75's not
- 26 the right number. If you have 50 put aside, maybe the

- 1 right number's 25.
- 2 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Particulary since we
- 3 only have 18 left.
- 4 MEMBER JONES: How much is left?
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 18.
- 6 MEMBER JONES: Well, I could have found
- 7 somewhere to take it out.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Well, it's too late
- 9 now.
- 10 MR. FRAZEE: A lot of that work is
- 11 attributable to the tire fund also.
- 12 MEMBER JONES: True. That's true. As long
- 13 as there's 50 grand there, that's fine.
- 14 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: So 4 and 5, Waste
- 15 Reduction Awards and Calmax. Any questions on that?
- 16 If not, I'll entertain a motion.
- 17 MEMBER JONES: I'll make a motion to do 4,
- 18 5 -- and what was the other one?
- 19 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 57, Newsprint Audit.
- 20 MEMBER JONES: Right.
- 21 MEMBER FRAZEE: I'll second that.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: All right. If there's
- 23 no further discussion, will the secretary call the
- 24 roll.
- THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- MEMBER EATON: Aye.

- 1 THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- 2 MR. FRAZEE: Aye.
- 3 THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 4 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 5 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.
- 7 MEMBER EATON: I'd also like to point out,
- 8 Mr. Chair, that before we end today that we have done
- 9 nothing with regard to these contract concepts to
- 10 promote that bad law relating to plastics.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Isn't that wonderful.
- 12 Okay. The last is the RMDZ fund, Direct
- 13 Program Implementation of Administration of Loans, Zone
- 14 administrators Funding Assistance and Training of Zone
- 15 Administrators --
- MS. TRGOVICH: Excuse me. RMDZ funds.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank
- 18 you for pointing that out. We got sole administrator
- 19 funding assistance, 100,000, and sponsorships and
- 20 cosponsors.
- MS. TRGOVICH: Concept Number 8,
- 22 Administrator Funding, is an item that the Board
- 23 approved in January of this year but said go find the
- 24 money, so we're here.
- 25 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: So we can turn it down
- 26 now; right.

- 1 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: What does this do?
- MS. TRGOVICH: What this does is respond to
- 3 the zone administrators when they came forward with a
- 4 whole list of activities. We analyzed them,
- 5 recommended certain ones of them. You then cut that
- 6 list down further, and the total dollar amount was
- 7 \$200,000. 100, which is to be funded out of the RMDZ
- 8 direct loan account because they are direct loan
- 9 related. \$100,000, which is proposed to be funded out
- 10 of the RMDZ subaccount that you're working on now, the
- 11 4 million, because they are not direct loan related.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: But as I remember,
- 13 this doesn't pay salaries?
- MS. TRGOVICH: No salaries.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay.
- 16 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 18 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman, can I make a
- 19 motion that we adopt --
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: You sure can.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: -- Concept Number 24.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: What?
- MEMBER JONES: What page are you guys on?
- MS. TRGOVICH: 8, Concept Number 8.
- 25 MEMBER JONES: This is it.
- 26 MEMBER EATON: I think we should be asking

- 1 you that question. What page are you on?
- 2 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Page 8, and then A.
- 3 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 8 and then A for
- 4 100,000 and, L and NA for sponsorship.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: 8, and then it says,
- 6 "NA."
- 7 MEMBER JONES: Okay, but wait now. I've got
- 8 two different lists here. How about these?
- 9 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: That's the next thing.
- 10 That's the direct program implementation.
- 11 MEMBER JONES: I've got those two.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Those two you want to
- move now.
- 14 MEMBER JONES: I want to move those.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: And then we'll go down
- 16 to the next packet.
- 17 MEMBER JONES: Oh, after this one.
- 18 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Correct. We'll go
- 19 down to the next one.
- 20 MEMBER JONES: Well, let me add these to it.
- 21 And Concept Number 24 Implementation and
- 22 Administration of Loans, Concept Number 8, Zone
- 23 Administrators Funding Assistance, and 26, Training for
- 24 Zone Administrators, to be funded at the recommended
- 25 levels.
- 26 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I'll second it.

- 1 MR. FRAZEE: You're including 8 in the
- 2 sponsorship item?
- 3 MEMBER JONES: Yes, I included NA on the
- 4 sponsorship for 100,000.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: So it's Number 8, Zone
- 6 Administrators Funding Assistance; NA, Sponsorships,
- 7 Cosponsorships Placeholder; 24, Implementation
- 8 Administration of Loans; 8, Zone Administrator Funding
- 9 Assistance; 26, Training of Zone Administrators.
- 10 Right?
- 11 MEMBER JONES: And the one Item Number 8
- 12 that is split funded, it's understood that my motion is
- 13 for both funds.
- 14 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Right.
- MS. TRGOVICH: Correct.
- 16 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I second it.
- 17 And will the secretary call the roll.
- 18 THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 19 MEMBER EATON: So the clarification before I
- 20 vote was the 100,000 coming out of the direct loan
- 21 program and 100,000 out of the --
- 22 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Correct.
- MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 24 THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- MR. FRAZEE: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Jones.

- 1 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Motion carries.
- 4 That completes the contract concepts.
- We'll move to Item Number 6.
- 6 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6
- 7 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Consideration of
- 8 approval of the Scope of Work for developing a
- 9 conceptual plan for the Green Building Technology
- 10 Center project.
- 11 We just appropriated the money for that.
- MS. TRGOVICH: Sure did. I'll just stay
- 13 here. You know, we didn't expect you to move this
- 14 quickly, so we're going to get staff in case we need
- 15 them.
- 16 MEMBER EATON: Just ask for an aye vote.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Do you have a problem
- 18 with this? I don't have a problem with it.
- 19 MEMBER EATON: I don't have a problem with
- 20 it.
- 21 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman, can I make a
- 22 motion to move --
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes, you can.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: -- 98-293, Consideration of
- 25 the approval for the Scope of Work for developing a
- 26 conceptual plan for the Green Building Technology

- 1 Center project?
- 2 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Resolution 98-293.
- 3 MEMBER JONES: Exactly.
- 4 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I'll second it.
- If there's no further discussion, will the
- 6 secretary call the roll.
- 7 THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- 8 MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 9 THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
- MR. FRAZEE: Aye.
- 11 THE SECRETARY: Jones.
- 12 MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 13 THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
- 14 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye. Okay.
- 15 Agenda Item Number 7, Consideration of the
- 16 98/99 fiscal year Nonprofit Used Oil Grant Awards.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: We did that yesterday. If
- 18 you remember, Mr. Chair, that we would hold that off
- 19 because the person was ill.
- 20 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Right.
- We go on to Number 9. We've got two left.
- 22 Number 9. That's you, Mr. Eaton.
- 23 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9
- 24 MEMBER EATON: Yes, and I thank you very
- 25 much for allowing this to be part of agenda.
- I just wanted to discuss two matters,

- 1 AB 117, by Assemblywoman Escutia, which is the tire
- 2 bill. I understand that there have been some
- 3 discussions amongst some of the parties who originally
- 4 were not real happy with this bill to make a concerted
- 5 effort with the administration to either veto the bill
- 6 and/or try and put some additional constraints upon us
- 7 in terms of how we -- an allocation formula, as much as
- 8 it was proposed by some prior to being rejected by the
- 9 legislative bodies, and I just thought that it might be
- 10 something that if there is a way that we can, as a
- 11 Board, and we can't really do it by resolution -- this
- 12 is my understanding -- but perhaps maybe through an
- 13 additional letter to the governor urging that the bill
- 14 as is because of the kinds of constraints that have
- 15 already been placed upon us, the study that you as a
- 16 working group has decided to undertake, as well as
- 17 others, just to kind of reiterate that we like it the
- 18 way it is and we would ask for that kind of indulgence
- 19 on behalf of the governor.
- MR. FRAZEE: I don't know by what legal
- 21 mechanism they could put additional constraints on a
- 22 bill that's already engrossed.
- 23 MEMBER EATON: Well, there could be a number
- of ways. You couldn't actually, obviously, change the
- 25 legislation.
- MR. FRAZEE: Right.

- 1 MEMBER EATON: But you could recommend an
- 2 executive order that he would be signing it, and then
- 3 an executive order be issued with an allocation to
- 4 spend the money in such a manner, and, so that is the
- 5 one way that I have seen it in the past, and I know
- 6 there have been some inquiries of counsel and others to
- 7 find perhaps an alternative mechanism by which to
- 8 accomplish the goal of dictating an allocation formula.
- 9 MR. FRAZEE: I think that --
- 10 MEMBER EATON: Not that we would have to
- 11 follow it.
- 12 MR. FRAZEE: -- we're mandated to do an
- 13 ongoing study, and I think that should be sufficient.
- 14 MEMBER EATON: And I think that that's the
- 15 very point, and you raised -- I think that is the
- 16 point. How can we know how to spend the money if
- 17 you've actually done your work? I mean, that's kind of
- 18 the argument, and I just wanted to raise it as a Board,
- 19 because we all talk to different individuals, and I've
- 20 made some individual phone calls myself and sort of
- 21 just wanted to raise that issue for the Board, as well
- 22 as the public's attention that is important. And,
- 23 again, last night there was another story on Roister on
- 24 Channel 3, and, you know, it's not going to go away.
- 25 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: And we also have a
- 26 compost pile on file.

- 1 MEMBER EATON: Correct. Absolutely.
- 2 MEMBER JONES: What should we do? Should we
- 3 write a letter?
- 4 MEMBER FRAZEE: Should we by motion
- 5 authorize a letter?
- 6 MEMBER EATON: I think we can legally do
- 7 that.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I don't think we
- 9 should, though. It's on his desk. I think we've
- 10 already sent over the support's position. I think he's
- 11 got this --
- 12 MEMBER EATON: We gave a support position,
- 13 but we didn't take a vote, did we?
- 14 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I think we did.
- MR. CHANDLER: I'm sorry. I missed that.
- 16 MEMBER EATON: I don't believe we've taken a
- 17 vote on the Escutia bill, have we?
- MR. CHANDLER: I feel uncomfortable --
- 19 MEMBER EATON: That's the only reason I
- 20 raise it, because I was just trying to go at the
- 21 situation where we haven't taken a formal vote, 'cause
- 22 if you remember, the Escutia bill was a last-minute
- 23 bill, and I don't believe in the transition from
- 24 committees to not that we ever did that, and so I don't
- 25 think -- you know, trying to do that, and we may have
- 26 very well have put support.

- 1 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yeah, I did.
- 2 MEMBER EATON: We thank you for the
- 3 foresight, but I guess in terms of some of this, I'll
- 4 leave it up to my colleagues to decide.
- 5 MR. CHANDLER: I think the issue, as I
- 6 understand it, that is at play here is that like in a
- 7 signature message or if it's chosen, that it can be
- 8 dealt with on an executive order, that your discretion,
- 9 as a Board, as to how you want to allocate the
- 10 discretionary funding towards market issues or cleanup,
- 11 or whatever, is being reviewed as to whether or not
- 12 that can be made very clear in the signing of the bill
- 13 or any attendant documentation, and I think that's
- 14 that's the issue on the table. I don't believe that
- 15 there's been any conclusions yet drawn, but I know that
- 16 Mr. Eaton's pointing out that there's inquiries being
- 17 put forth as to whether or not we could constrain the
- 18 Board into a specific direction to go in either signing
- 19 the bill or not signing the bill, but put in some type
- 20 of subsequent direction forward, and that's what's at
- 21 play here, as I understand it.
- 22 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman?
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Yes.
- 24 MEMBER JONES: I think I'd like to see a
- 25 letter. I received a letter by some of the people that
- 26 were promoting restrictions on AB 117 and found that

- 1 some of the Board members were very upset about them
- 2 trying to kill legislation that actually paid to keep
- 3 their furnaces going, so they wrote me a letter and
- 4 said there was a misunderstanding, and they were just
- 5 trying to offer guidance. So I think that we need to
- 6 make sure that we offer -- that we're capable of
- 7 managing that under the way the bill is written. Do
- 8 something to make sure, because I don't like having
- 9 somebody tell me, "That's all you're going to hear from
- 10 me," and then come to find out there's a possiblity
- 11 that may not be the end of it.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: I guess what I'm
- 13 saying is, we've already notified him that we were in
- 14 support of it and asked him to sign it.
- 15 MEMBER JONES: And I'm asking if we could --
- 16 and I appreciate that. I'm just saying, could we write
- 17 another letter saying, "We're in support of it. We
- 18 like it the way it's written, and we're ready to do our
- 19 job with the entire report," and all that good stuff.
- 20 If nothing else, just to reinforce that we know what --
- 21 you know, what we need to do.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. Certainly.
- 23 I'll write a letter. We have a support message in
- 24 there, and the EBR says support, but if you want
- 25 another letter to go, I'll do it.
- Is that your pleasure?

- 1 MEMBER JONES: It is if it's the other Board
- 2 members' pleasure. I mean, I just want to make sure
- 3 that, you know, they know that that thing is right the
- 4 way it is.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Okay. You know, I
- 6 don't think we need a motion on it.
- 7 MEMBER EATON: No. I'm happy if we'll all
- 8 sign it, if it makes you more comfortable, with
- 9 numbers, or you can sign it, whichever -- but I think
- 10 if we all sing it, it's a good thing as well, but
- 11 that's really some discretion.
- 12 The other matter I would just kind of like
- 13 to take up, and I won't be too long, is Assembly
- 14 Bill --
- 15 (Brief interruption.)
- 16 MEMBER EATON: The last measure -- and I
- 17 know that some of my colleagues have a difference of
- 18 opinion with regard to Assembly Bill 715, which is the
- 19 Waste Management, Inc.'s effort on insurance, and I
- 20 just kind of -- just do believe that we ought to -- as
- 21 we wait the action by the governor be surely aware for
- 22 the record some of the new information that's come out,
- 23 one of them being a California Department of Insurance
- 24 Evaluation of the insurance company that is being
- 25 promoted by Waste Management as to their fiscal
- 26 solvency, and that was some of the problems why the

- 1 Department of Insurance did not seek to get involved
- 2 with that process, and they kicked it back to us, as
- 3 well as some additional administrative costs, and if I
- 4 do recall, that, if the bill is signed, there's going
- 5 to be a need for some quick action, or at least there's
- 6 a difference of opinion as to whether or not we have to
- 7 act quickly on that matter, and I would just, you know
- 8 hope that we could kind of continue to monitor it as
- 9 well as some of the cost as we go in.
- 10 That one, I think, right now is not as --
- 11 that there is a chance that one of our fellow agencies
- 12 is still having some problems with the bill, and we
- 13 just get ready to go for it.
- 14 Those two bills are, I think, extremely
- 15 important, especially the fiscal solvency. We are all
- 16 aware of the letter written by the Department of
- 17 Insurance that this type of insurance may not be
- 18 appropriate, and the question then becomes is, how do
- 19 we follow the mandate of a statute with regard to that
- 20 kind of insurance, which is really not financially
- 21 guarantee insurance, but rather a surety type of
- 22 insurance. And so I think that we haven't seen the
- 23 last of this unfortunately.
- MR. FRAZEE: Has the bill been signed?
- 25 MEMBER EATON: Not that I'm aware of, but
- 26 the -- I don't know if you're aware of the letter that

- 1 was written to our staff and the Department of
- 2 Insurance --
- 3 MR. FRAZEE: No.
- 4 MEMBER EATON: -- but I have a copy, and I'd
- 5 be happy to share that with you that there was some
- 6 concern that this type of insurance is not closure
- 7 insurance, but rather more of a surety, and their
- 8 conclusion was -- and anyone's who's read the letter --
- 9 that it was not financial guarantee insurance, and
- 10 that's what the whole idea of insurance was supposed to
- 11 be, was a financial quarantee, and the letter goes on
- 12 to talk about that.
- 13 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Pretty onfusing
- 14 letter.
- 15 MEMBER EATON: What?
- 16 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: It's pretty confusing.
- 17 MEMBER EATON: No question. You know, call
- 18 me paranoid, call me suspicious, but when I see it
- 19 dated August 31st, the last day of the legislature
- 20 going out, we finally receive it, when I know that you
- 21 and your staff have asked repeatedly for clarification
- 22 of the Department of Insurance, it raised one specter,
- 23 and then we find out, and we have requested and
- 24 hopefully will receive the report, about the solvency
- of the company by which, at least the proponent of the
- 26 legislation seeks to have its assets encumbered, and

- 1 that there was already that, that we should just kind
- 2 of be aware of that.
- 3 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Thank you.
- 4 And the final item is Item 13, Consideration
- 5 of approval report to the Legislature entitled,
- 6 "Feasibility Study of the Expanded Use of Forest and
- 7 Agricultural Waste in the Production of Commercial
- 8 Products."
- 9 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13
- 10 Again, do we have some questions on this?
- 11 MEMBER EATON: I'm ready to move it.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: You're ready? Do you
- 13 have questions.
- 14 MEMBER JONES: They answered all mine in the
- 15 briefing.
- 16 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Any questions?
- 17 MR. FRAZEE: No.
- 18 MEMBER JONES: Anybody in the audience?
- 19 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: If you do, you didn't
- 20 fill out a slip, and you're not going to get to talk.
- 21 I'll move adoption of Resolution 98-287.
- MR. FRAZEE: I'll second it.
- 23 CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: If there's no further
- 24 discussion, will the secretary call the roll.
- THE SECRETARY: Board Member Eaton.
- MEMBER EATON: Aye.

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               THE SECRETARY: Frazee.
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               MR. FRAZEE: Aye.
               THE SECRETARY: Jones.
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               MEMBER JONES: Aye.
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               THE SECRETARY: Chairman Pennington.
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               CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Aye.
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               Any --
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               MEMBER JONES: Just real quick. This was a
    good report. Don't get upset. We've been here for two
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    days. You did good work. You raised good issues, and
    your briefings were great.
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               CHAIRMAN PENNINGTON: Before we leave, I do
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    want to thank the staff. The staff has been put
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     through the mill today and yesterday, and I think
    you've done an excellent job on keeping the Board
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     informed and giving us the information we need to make
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    decisions, and I appreciate it, and I know it's hard on
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    you sometimes. I think all of my colleagues agree that
    you do a wonderful job, and we appreciate it.
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                See you in Santa Barbara.
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